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RED FORCES DRIVEN BACK WEST OF PUSAN

Enemy wedge wiped out in U.S. counter-attack. NEW COMMUNIST DRIVES EXPECTED

Tokyo, August 21.
Counter-attacking American forces wiped out an enemy wedge in their Korean South coast defence only 35 miles West of the key port of Pusan today.

United Press war correspondent Robert C. Miller reported from the Southern front at 5 a.m. GMT (2 p.m. HK time) that units of the 25th Division recaptured all territory lost to the Reds on Sunday.

Miller's despatch was received shortly after an Eighth Army communiqué based on earlier information, said that the Division's 24th Regimental combat team still was battling to blunt the 1,000-man Red spearhead which drove through the American lines to Yuchon, seven miles West of Masan and some 34 miles West of Pusan.

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Burmese arrest American missionary

Rangoon, August 21.
The Burma Government, announcing today the arrest of an American missionary, Dr. Gordon Seagrave, said: "There is substantial evidence of his close collaboration with the KND (Korean National Defence Organisation) insurgents."

The Government said in a communiqué that Dr. Seagrave was brought to Rangoon on August 17 "where interrogation is still proceeding."

Born of American Baptist missionary parents in Burma, Dr. Seagrave became a Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II.

With General Stilwell's Chinese Army, he retreated into India, giving medical aid to troops on the way.

After the war he rehabilitated the small hospital he had founded years before at Namkham, between Bhamo and Lashio. It had been damaged in the fighting.—Reuter.

The weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a trough of low pressure extends Southwards across Japan with a weakening depression centered in it over Honshu. The ridge of high pressure from the Pacific anticyclone persists, stretching Westwards into the China Sea.

Today's forecast—light or moderate southerly winds, fair.

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Humidity: 68% 74%
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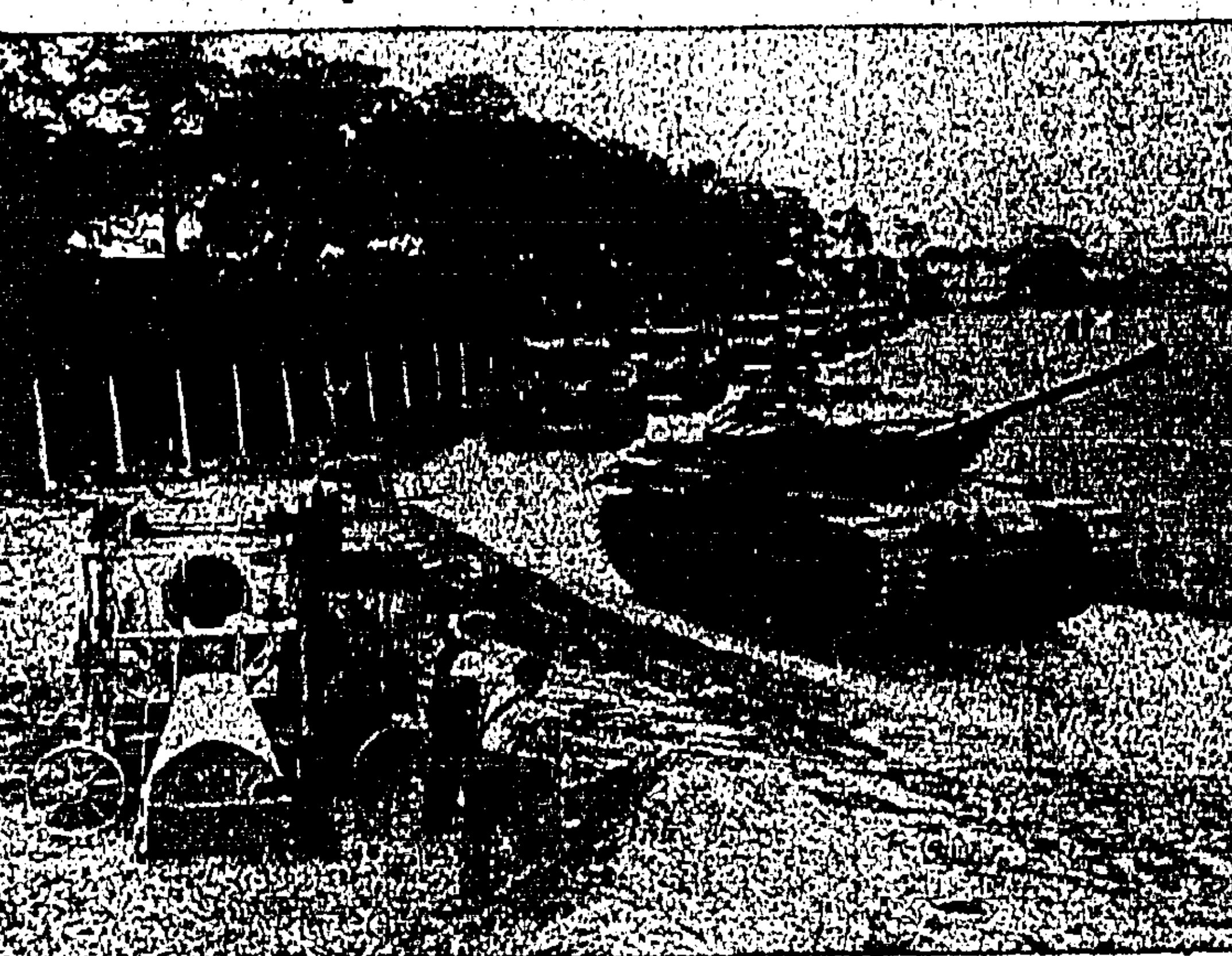
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New super-tank for Britain



Britain's new 50-ton super-tank, the Centurion, is being produced under the most efficient and speedy methods ever employed in any country. An amphibian, the tank is powered by a 635 horse power adaptation of the famous Rolls Royce Meteor aircraft engine. The picture was made at a tank factory somewhere in Britain. (AP Photo.)

Movement of Red forces to Manchuria

Taipei, August 21.
A Nationalist Army spokesman today estimated that about one-third of Communist General Lin Piao's Fourth Field Army, which totals more than 600,000 men, had been shifted to Manchuria from Central and South China.

The spokesman, Lieutenant-General Chang Yi-ting, said this transfer fitted into what he called Soviet Russia's global strategy, but declared the exact purpose of the move was not yet clear.

The Reds themselves, he said, had recently announced they were moving part of Lin Piao's forces to Manchuria for what they termed collective army farming. This is a system under which Communist soldiers spend half their time on farming and thus become self-supporting, and half in military training, which keeps them ready for combat.

The shift, Chang Yi-ting said, began after the invasion of the Republic of Korea.

The troops sent to Manchuria, he said, were withdrawn from Lin Piao's forces in six provinces—Kiangsi, Honan, Hunan, Hupeh, Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

The spokesman quoted what he called a rumour to the effect that the troops shifted might be intended as reinforcements for North Korean armies.

But he emphasised that no positive conclusions could yet be reached.

The spokesman also discussed what he described as a purely speculative possibility, namely that in event of a new world war breaking out, the Chinese Reds might be only the defensive in South China and build up their main strength North of the Yangtze.

U.S. service chiefs confer with SCAP

Tokyo, August 21.
America's Army and Navy chiefs held top secret conferences here today with General MacArthur and his commanders on a programme which will bring victory to the United Nations forces in Korea.

General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, arrived at Haneda airport at 8:02 this morning.

They were met at the airport by the Supreme Commander, Admiral Charles T. Joy, Commander of the United States Far East Naval Forces, Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, and Lieutenant General George Stratemeyer, Far East Air Forces Commander.

It was not announced how long they would remain in Japan. For security reasons there was no indication whether or not they would visit Korea to confer with Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, Commanding General of the Eighth Army.

Among the things which probably will be discussed in the conferences here will be the use of British and other United Nations forces which soon will be fighting in Korea along with American and South Korean troops.

General MacArthur announced today that the United Kingdom Government was sending an infantry force from Hong Kong to Korea immediately.—United Press

Princess and daughter

London, August 21.
Princess Elizabeth and her daughter, born last Tuesday, "are maintaining steady and satisfactory progress," a medical bulletin announced this morning.

The bulletin was issued after Sir William Gilliat, gynaecologist, and Sir John Weir, the royal family's physician, had paid their regular morning visit to the Princess and her baby at the London residence, Clarence House.

The two doctors announced that it was not intended to issue a further bulletin this week.—Reuter.

Manila ruling on HK exports

Manila, August 21.
All exports of goods which might be used for military purposes in the event of war are prohibited from Manila to Hong Kong unless sanctioned by the British Government, according to a notification given by the Bureau of Customs.

It was also decided following consultations by the Government agencies concerned that all shipments in transit from ports of exit as of August 18 will be cleared provided the goods shipped do not exceed the normal consumption requirements of Hong Kong.

The new regulation supplements the recent Customs order banning the exportation of strategic materials to Communist China, North Korea, Taiwan and Manchuria.—United Press

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TROOPS IN HK PREPARING TO SAIL FOR KOREA

Two battalions of British troops numbering about 1,500 men yesterday packed gear and checked weapons preparatory to leaving for Korea possibly this week to become the first non-American reinforcements for the hard-pressed United Nations ground forces, reports United Press.

The units are the First Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—famed "Ladies from Hell"—who struck terror into German hearts during the first world war because they charged fearlessly into battle in kilts—and the First Battalion the Middlesex Regiment—the "Die Hards."

Men keen on new assignment

Both battalions due to leave Hong Kong for the Korean fighting learned of their new assignments early yesterday morning.

An Army spokesman said last night after visiting the troops in the New Territories that the men generally, the 4 tops morale was of the "very highest."

He pointed out that the 1st Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, came to Hong Kong many months ago, and have been out in the New Territories ever since.

"Now," he said, "they have been assigned to go to a fighting area, and they are very keen."

There was some speculation the troops would embark aboard the aircraft carrier Unicorn at present in Hong Kong. But it was also possible the Army might charter a private ship.

Varied reactions

The troops themselves, encamped three miles from the Sino-British border, had varied reactions to the new assignment.

The Argylls, 90 per cent of whom are regulars, appeared eager for a change of scenery and a chance at some real action. The Middlesex, however, half of whom are conscripts, seemed more concerned about the prospect of prolonged separation from their families.

About half a dozen men of the Middlesex Regiment are not strangers to Japan. They were part of the Hong Kong garrison in December, 1941, and went to Japan as prisoners of war aboard the tragic prison ship Laboon Maru which was torpedoed by an American submarine off Shanghai.

The departure of the troops from Hong Kong will only temporarily decrease the local garrison, according to the Army spokesman. There had been considerable concern in London and elsewhere that withdrawal of British troops from Hong Kong might invite aggression from Chinese Communists just across the border.

But the Army said the deficit will be made up early in September when the troopship Empire Kingdon with the First Battalion the Wiltshire Regiment, smaller units of the Fourth Hussars and jungle-fighting Gurkhas will also be brought up from Malaya.

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Favourable trade balance for Colony

Last month's trade gave Hong Kong a favourable balance of HK\$53,800,000, according to official statistics released yesterday. This figure is believed to be unprecedented. Imports totalled HK\$241,000,000, and exports, HK\$294,800,000. Imports fell by 9.3 per cent and exports increased by 14.2 per cent.

Figures for China and Macao are shown in millions of dollars below, last month's figures being given in brackets:

	Imports	Exports	Total
China	21.8 (20.5)	31.1 (29.0)	52.9 (51.5)
Macao	1.4 (1.0)	2.1 (2.5)	3.5 (3.5)
South	32.8 (29.5)	29.5 (17.5)	62.3 (47.0)
North	10.3 (9.9)	15.6 (14.0)	25.9 (23.9)
Total	72.3 (67.5)	102.2 (67.0)	174.5 (134.5)

Imports of groundnut oil from North China fell from \$4.0 million to \$3.5 million, but cotton yarn imports almost exactly doubled in value. Exports of raw cotton to North China again fell away, as did iron and steel, but there were increases in exports of rubber (more than ten fold) and electrical and other machinery.

Trade with Middle China showed little change, but there was a considerable increase with South China, where imports of wood oil, trebled in value from \$4.4 million to \$12.5 million. The value of wine imported fell from \$2.7 million to \$2.1 million. The largest export increases were—rubber \$0.5 million to \$2.5 million; pharmaceuticals from \$3.4 million to \$6.7 million; dyeing and tanning materials from \$0.1 million to \$2.5 million; iron and steel from \$1.2 million to \$4.0 million; and manufactures of base metals from \$1.6 million to \$4.7 million.

United Kingdom: Imports increased by \$5.2 million, the principal items affected being electrical machinery and pharmaceuticals. The drop in exports from \$2.1 million to \$1.0 million was mainly due to China products and Hong Kong manufactures. Exports of processed oil decreased in value from \$5.8 million to \$5.9 million; wool oil from \$3.3 million to \$1.0 million. Refined fabrics and cotton clothing from \$2.4 million to less than \$1 million and under-clothing from \$1.4 million to \$0.3 million.

Australia: Imports decreased from \$15.2 million to \$4 million, wheat flour, down by \$6.5 million, being the chief cause. Exports increased from \$11.2 million to \$13.7 million, of which total raw rubber accounted for over \$10 million. Exports of this commodity to China during July amounted to \$9.5 million, North China taking nearly \$7 million, and South China \$2.5 million.

Less from U.S.

U.S.A.: Imports were down by \$10.2 million, the main items affected being raw cotton, from \$7.6 million to under \$1 million; textile fabrics, from \$5.6 million to \$2.6 million; pharmaceuticals from \$7.0 million to \$5.2 million; non-electrical machinery from \$3.9 million to \$1.5 million; manufactured cereals from \$1.9 million to \$0.3 million; dyeing and tanning materials from \$1.7 million to \$0.5 million and manufactures of base metals from \$4.1 million to \$2 million. Exports were up by \$7.7 million, in large part accounted for by China products among which bristles increased in value from \$8.2 million to \$12.0 million.

Thailand: The increase in imports was entirely attributable to rice. Exports of textiles increased from \$1.0 million to \$3.3 million.

French Indo-China: Imports of white rice to the value of \$5.3 million were recorded.

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Reminders

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HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
European YMCA, bridge drive, 8 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, whist drive, 7.30 p.m.
NAAFI Club, table tennis tournament, 8 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, whist drive (cash prizes), 8 p.m.
Song School for Chorists, St. John's Cathedral hall, 9.30 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8.45 p.m.
Forces "At Home", St. Andrew's Vicarage, 8 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

The H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
NAAFI Club, darts tournament, 8 p.m.
Forces Spotlight, 9 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, mahjong-whist morning, 10 p.m.
Union Jack Club, whist drive, 7.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
NAAFI Club, Snooker Tournament, 7 p.m.; dancing class, 7.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, game competitions, 7 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, whist drive, for Forces, 7.30 p.m.

Return of S'hai cotton mills urged

Two men have arrived in Hong Kong to persuade owners of cotton mills who moved to the Colony from Shanghai and Wushu to return their plants to East China, said the independent vernacular "New Life Evening Post" yesterday. The men were identified as Mr. Wong Shao-li, former Chairman of the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Yang Hu, both former close associates of Mr. Tu Yu-seng, former influential Chinese industrialist in Shanghai. The report said that they were asked to approach the cotton mills here on behalf of General Chen Yi, Mayor of Shanghai. They also brought personal letters to the owners from General Chen, added the report. The newspaper said that the owners have called a joint meeting to discuss the request.

AUCTION OF CROWN LAND

Mrs. Marion J. M. Johnston-Quong, of No. 92, Kennedy Road, secured a 6,700-square-foot lot at the Crown Land Auction Sale yesterday. Being the original applicant, Mrs. Johnston-Quong paid the upset price of HK\$13,400—HK\$2 a square-foot. There were no opposing bidders. The site is on Tung Wau Wan Road, Stanley, near the junction of the road leading to St. Stephen's College. According to the conditions of sale, the purchaser will have to expend a minimum HK\$50,000 in rateable improvements. Only a detached European type residence, not higher than 27 feet, will be allowed to be built.

New police quarters being built in Kowloon

Pressure on police accommodation on the mainland will be considerably relieved when the temporary quarters now in course of erection on Chatham Road are completed at the end of the year. The new quarters will accommodate from 600 to 700 persons, but it is not expected that more than 300 to 400 will move in when the building is completed.

The excess accommodation will take care of further outflows from other quarters later on.

The largest batch will be those at present billeted at the Marine Police Barracks, Tsimshatsui, which are due for pulling down and replacement by more suitable buildings.

Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, the Commissioner of Police, said the new quarters will serve a dual purpose, because they will also be used in an emergency to accommodate what he called "casualty cases"—such as victims of big fires or shipwrecks, as well as unexpected refugees, all of whom have so far had to be put up in police quarters, until they can be repatriated or other quarters are found for them. This problem of accommodation there, disaster and refugees has been at least one of the reasons why the Commissioner of

High freight rates, HK immigration restrictions adversely affecting Canton

The once thriving Pearl River port of Canton will continue to stagnate as long as the Hong Kong authorities maintain their present strict immigration regulations and shipping companies adhere to their high freight charges as compared to those prevailing on the railway between the Colony and the Kwangtung capital.

This was the outstanding feature of a comprehensive "China Mail" survey of shipping opinion as to how soon Canton would return to normal as a communication centre linked by sea to Hong Kong and whose overland spokes stretch as far North as Shanghai by railway.

Before the Communist sweep South of the Yangtze threatened Canton, the Kwangtung port was a hive of activity with British and other river ships using its docks along the Bund to discharge cargo and passengers at a daily rate that kept dock coolies happy and well fed.

Now, local shipping sources pointed out the only large sized vessel docking regularly at Canton is the 150-ton motor-vessel Ping On. Motor and sail junkies are the only vessels which move up and down the narrow, picturesque strip of the Pearl River leading from the city to the sea.

When the Ping On made her first "post-liberation" run to Canton there were high hopes among some shipping people that she would be the forerunner of good things to come—hopes dashed by the fact that this ship has found little cargo since she first put up steam for the Kwangtung city more than a month ago.

Another vessel, the motor-vessel Fook Hwa, which followed the Ping On in trying to establish a shipping service between Hong Kong and Canton has since been diverted to other routes.

There was enterprise, then, why failure? Inquired the "China Mail" reporter.

Railway cheaper

The answer he got from shipping sources was that, for one thing, freight charges were at least 200 per cent above the cost of shipping goods by rail between the two ports. The sharp variance between shipping and railway costs for cargo was attributed to necessity in the case of ships of ship maintenance and fueling expenses are higher.

The junk fleet is, on the other hand, doing fairly well since they are in a better position to compete with the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The overhead expenses of a junk are obviously lower than that of a motor or steamship, and so freight charges can be lower too.

Between 30 and 40 junks are plying, though irregularly, between the Colony and Canton, bringing perishable cargoes, such as fresh eggs, fruits and vegetables to Hong Kong. These Chinese ships of larger size recently left Hong Kong for Canton but they are not expected to be put on the run between the two ports. These ships are the Yu Chiang and Min Shui of Ming Sung Company and the Kwai Hui of Kwang Shing Company. They are more likely to be assigned to service between Canton and other coastal or inland Chinese ports.

Transit port

People who leave Hong Kong for Canton and do not want to travel by railway use the Hong Kong-Canton shipping service. When they reach

"Mother of Guerillas" Captured

The pro-Communist "Wei Wei Pao" reported in a message from Chungking yesterday that the 70-year-old Nationalist "Mother of Guerillas" Madame Chao—has been taken prisoner in South West China.

The report said that Madame Chao was among 164,766 bandits captured in mopping up operations in the border regions of Szechuan, Kweichow and Yunnan. She is charged with organising anti-Communist guerilla forces under direction of the Nationalists.

The report said that at the time of her capture she held the rank of Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese People's National Salvation Army. Madame Chao—her full name is Chao Wen-kuo—look up arms against the Japanese following the Mukden Incident in 1931. She and her sons and daughters organised guerilla warfare. She was interviewed by foreign correspondents at Hankow in 1939.

HK-Canton discussions on border bridge

The necessity for an additional bridge across the New-Territories-Kwangtung border has been discussed between Hong Kong and Canton representatives. It was officially learned yesterday. The talks took place in May for the erection of a wooden bridge at Lowu to cope with the traffic congestion on the existing bridge.

It was officially stated yesterday that the discussions have not been continued since May. Nothing has been heard since from the Chinese authorities.

Canton-bound train derailed

Four coaches of a Canton-bound train jumped off the tracks near Cheong Ping railway station in the Chinese sector of the Kowloon-Canton Railway at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The train which was a mixed passenger and cargo train left Shumchun at about 1.30 p.m. As the incident happened in the Chinese sector, detailed reports concerning the mishap could be obtained. It is said that there were no casualties in the accident.

Canton-bound trains from Shumchun stopped running yesterday afternoon due to the accident.

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Arrangements have now been made to register, photograph and thumbprint persons holding valid wireless receiving licences together with the members of their families over the age of 12 years.

Registration will take place at the following centres:—

Kowloon: Kowloon Junior School, La Salle Road.

Hong Kong: Hennessy Road Government School.

All persons holding valid wireless receiving licences and WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED REGISTRATION PROCEDURE ELSEWHERE, should go with their family over the age of 12 years, to one of these centres according to the time set out below against the number of their wireless licence. All persons must produce their wireless licence and have their name, address, age and occupation set out on a slip of paper; in the case of Chinese persons, in Chinese and English, in the case of all other persons in English.

PERSONS ARE WARNED THAT IT IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE TO REGISTER MORE THAN ONCE.

THURSDAY, 24th AUGUST

132201	132350	9.00 a.m.
132351	132500	9.30 a.m.
132501	132650	10.00 a.m.
132651	132800	10.30 a.m.
132801	132950	11.00 a.m.
132951	133100	11.30 a.m.
133101	133250	12 noon
133251	133400	12.30 p.m.
133401	133550	2.15 p.m.
133551	133700	2.45 p.m.
133701	133850	3.15 p.m.
133851	134000	3.45 p.m.
134001	134150	4.15 p.m.
134151	134300	4.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, 25th AUGUST

134301	134450	9.00 a.m.
134451	134600	9.30 a.m.
134601	134750	10.00 a.m.
134751	134900	10.30 a.m.
134901	135150	11.00 a.m.
135151	135300	11.30 a.m.
135301	135450	12 noon
135451	135600	12.30 p.m.
135601	135750	2.15 p.m.
135751	135900	2.45 p.m.
135901	136050	3.15 p.m.

W. F. C. JENNER,
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German girl sentenced for spying

Bielefeld, August 21. A British High Court here today sentenced Margot Gennig, 21-year-old German girl to six years' imprisonment on two charges of spying for Czechoslovakia.

Judge W. C. S. Balgobey, before passing sentence, described Gennig as a "mere catapaw" in the hands of the Czech agents, but the sentence was necessary as a deterrent.

Gennig pleaded guilty to charges of passing on the address of a woman named Marguerite Huest, sought by the Czechs to work as an agent, and of conspiring to commit espionage to the prejudice of the occupation forces.

Dr. Heinrich Petram, defence counsel, said Gennig had been forced to work for the Russians until 1947, and had been in Czechoslovakia during the war to avoid air raids.—Reuter.

Widows sentenced

Two widows who kept brothels on board two junks were sentenced to three months' imprisonment each by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Chau Sze, aged 25, and Chan Yee, aged 58, were arrested by the police on Saturday when their junks were raided.

At the time of her arrest, Chau had four women and four men on the junk which had four separate cubicles. The women said that they were prostitutes.

When Chan Yee's junk was raided, police discovered on the junk five women, who said that they were prostitutes, and a man. Chan's junk had five separate cubicles.

The arrests were made at Aberdeen Harbour.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IN INDO-CHINA

Saloon, August 21. Negotiations have opened for an exchange of military and civilian prisoners of war in Indo-China, the acting French High Commissioner, General Carpentier, announced here today.

General Carpentier said that contact was established yesterday in central French-recognised Vietnam between his officers and a delegation from the Vietnamese insurrectionary government.—Reuter.

GRAMOPHONE RECITAL

A gramophone recital will be held at the Diocesan Boys' School Kowloon 8.15 p.m. on Thursday.

The programme will include: Carnival Romanza (Berlioz), Nights in the Gardens of Spain (de Falla), Carnival of the Animals (Saint-Saens), and Symphony in D (Franck).

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG NOTICE

Applications are invited for the vacant post of Assistant Lecturer in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (\$8000-400-10,800 per annum with H.C.L. Allowance), and should be in the hands of the Registrar by August 28, 1950, at latest.

B. MELLOR
REGISTRAR

Greek diplomat arrives in HK from Tientsin

Mr. D. N. Pyllotis, Charge d'Affaires of the Greek Embassy in China, arrived here yesterday in the ss. Heinrich Jessen from Tientsin on his way to Pretoria, South Africa, where he is to take up his new post with the Greek Legation. Travelling with Mr. Pyllotis are his wife and two children.

Mr. Pyllotis, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, excused himself for not being able to say much about conditions in China, explaining that he was often ill recently. "I left China because I have been transferred by my Government from China to a new post in South Africa," Mr. Pyllotis added.

Asked about his general impression about the country where he has been staying for two years, Mr. Pyllotis merely said that he loved China and the Chinese people very much. "They are very good people indeed," he added.

Mr. Pyllotis said that there are about 400 Greeks residing in China, the majority of whom are in Shanghai and are engaged in business activities.

Mr. Pyllotis went to China in July, 1948. Shortly before the fall of Nanking to the Communists in the Spring of 1949, he proceeded to Shanghai where he had been staying until he boarded a train for Tientsin on August 3 on his way home. Mr. Pyllotis said he was the only person with the Greek Embassy in China since the departure of the Greek Ambassador last year.

Mr. Pyllotis said he and his family had no difficulty in getting exit permits from the Communist authorities in Shanghai. They travelled from Shanghai to Tientsin by train and then boarded a lighter travelling down the Hai Ho River to Tangku where they embarked on the ss. Heinrich Jessen. Mr. Pyllotis and his family will have a few days' stay here before embarking in the ss. Boleslav of Royal Intercean Lines on their way to South Africa.

The ss. Heinrich Jessen brought here 100 European evacuees from China. Among the passengers 35 are Britons. This is the ship's ninth trip from Tientsin to Hong Kong.

INSURED LETTERS

The Postmaster-General announced yesterday that as from October 1 the system of insured letters will be extended in the case of the United Kingdom to include despatches by air.

The usual insurance rate of 50 cents for every \$300 in addition to air mail postage will apply but compensation will be limited to \$1,000 for loss or damage while in the custody of the Hong Kong or United Kingdom Postal Services.

For loss or damage while in the air carriers the limit of compensation will be as for a registered letter, that is \$32.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:—

First quality	Second quality	Third quality
Yellow Croaker	\$3.00	\$2.53
Other Grouper	3.20	3.02
Golden Thread	1.78	1.65
Flower Head (large)	1.21	1.45
Conger Pike	1.00	92
Hair Tail	1.18	1.00

Sunday's prices were:—

Yellow Croaker	\$3.16	\$2.16
Mud Grouper	3.07	2.50
Blue Fish	1.40	1.20
Snapper	1.50	1.10
Macao Sole (large)	2.06	1.46
(small)	.80	.46
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MANY POSSIBLE CALLS. THERE ARE many different calls which may be made over an opponent's opening suit bid of one if you hold a tremendous solid suit and the ace of his. One is a cue-bid of the hostile suit, one a minimum call of your own. A third is two of your suit, a fourth is three of it, a fifth is four of it, a sixth is five of it, a seventh is six of it, an eighth is seven of it. For a ninth and tenth there would be calls of the two other suits as psychics, and various numbers of No Trumps for similar purposes, or even a pass, in most cases the bidder being prepared for other action later.

S 4 3 2
H 10 9
D 7 6 4
C Q 7 3

S J 9 7
H A K Q
D Q J 10
C 8 5
C None

S K Q 10
H 8 5
D H J 7 5
C A K 9
C 10

SA
H 8 8 4
D None
C A K J 9 8 6 5 4 2
C 10

SA
H 8 8 4
D None
C A K J 9 8 6 5 4 2
C 10

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 5 3
H A J 10 7
D A J 4
C A Q J

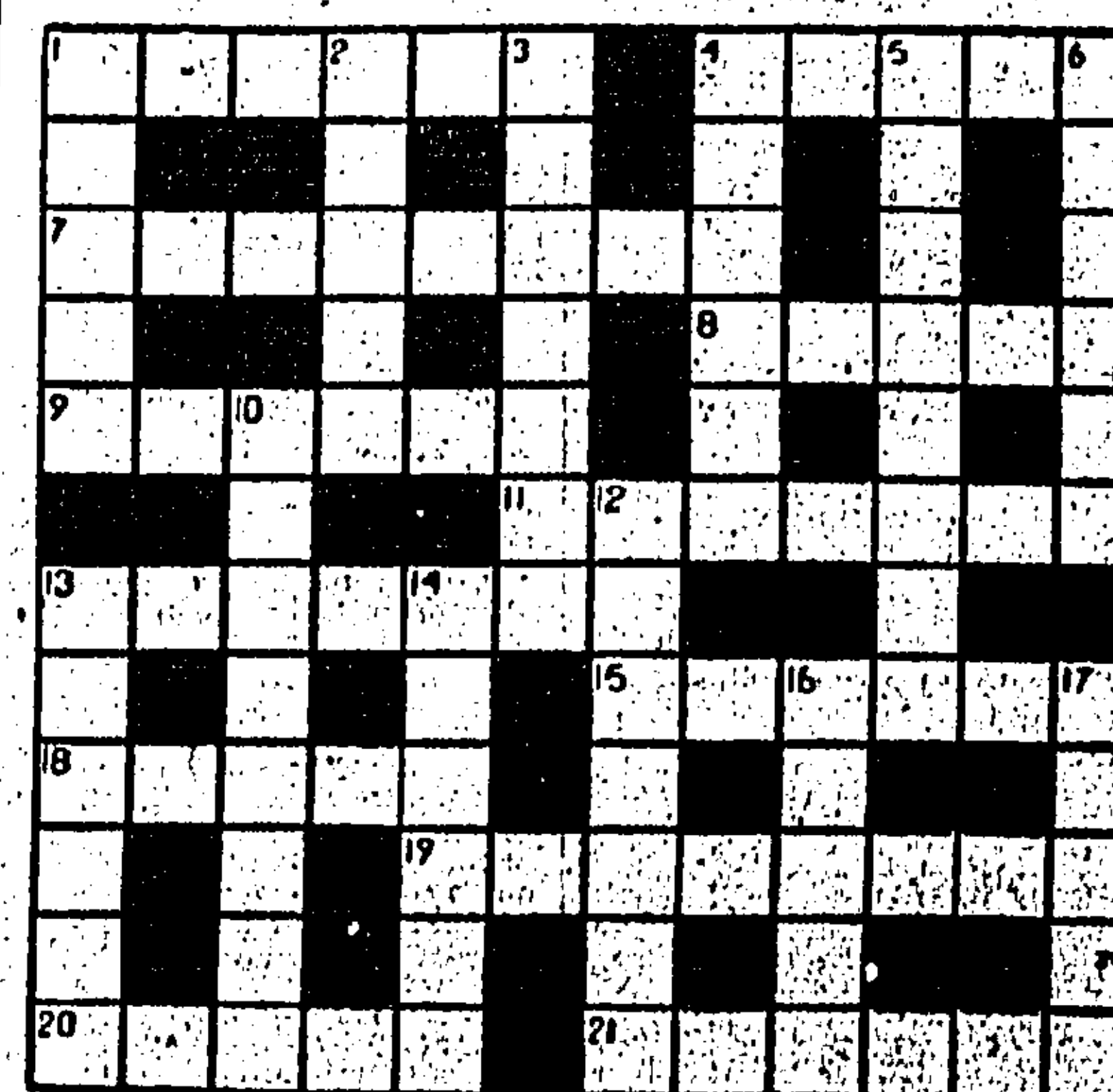
S 6 4 2
H Q 3 2
D K 7 6
C 9 5

S K Q J
H 8 8 5
D 8 2
C K 10 7 3

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

In what matter should South be careful while playing for 3- No Trumps after winning the third spade lead with the A?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Free of charge.
4 Converter.
7 Fit to be chosen.
8 Sloper.
9 Spirit.
11 Shouted encouragement.

Down
2 Tense.
3 Snubbed.
6 Savage.
8 Felt.
10 In combat.
12 Clue.
13 Moderate.
14 Downright.
16 Measure.
17 Trick.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Plus, 4 Hatchet, 8 Phoebe, 9 Visa, 10 Avocado, 11 Save, 12 Seam, 14 Engaged, 17 Prize, 19 Sweet, 23 Balise, 25 Italy, 27 Maco, 28 Sistrax, 29 Arch, 30 Next, 31 Gentles, 32 Hush.
DOWN: 2 Loller, 3 Spaans, 4 Heave, 5 Advent, 6 Coast, 7 Endue, 12 Bow, 13 Ave, 15 Glo, 16 Duty, 18 Humane, 20 Wreath, 21 Electa, 23 Exile, 24 Hunt, 25 Ravel.

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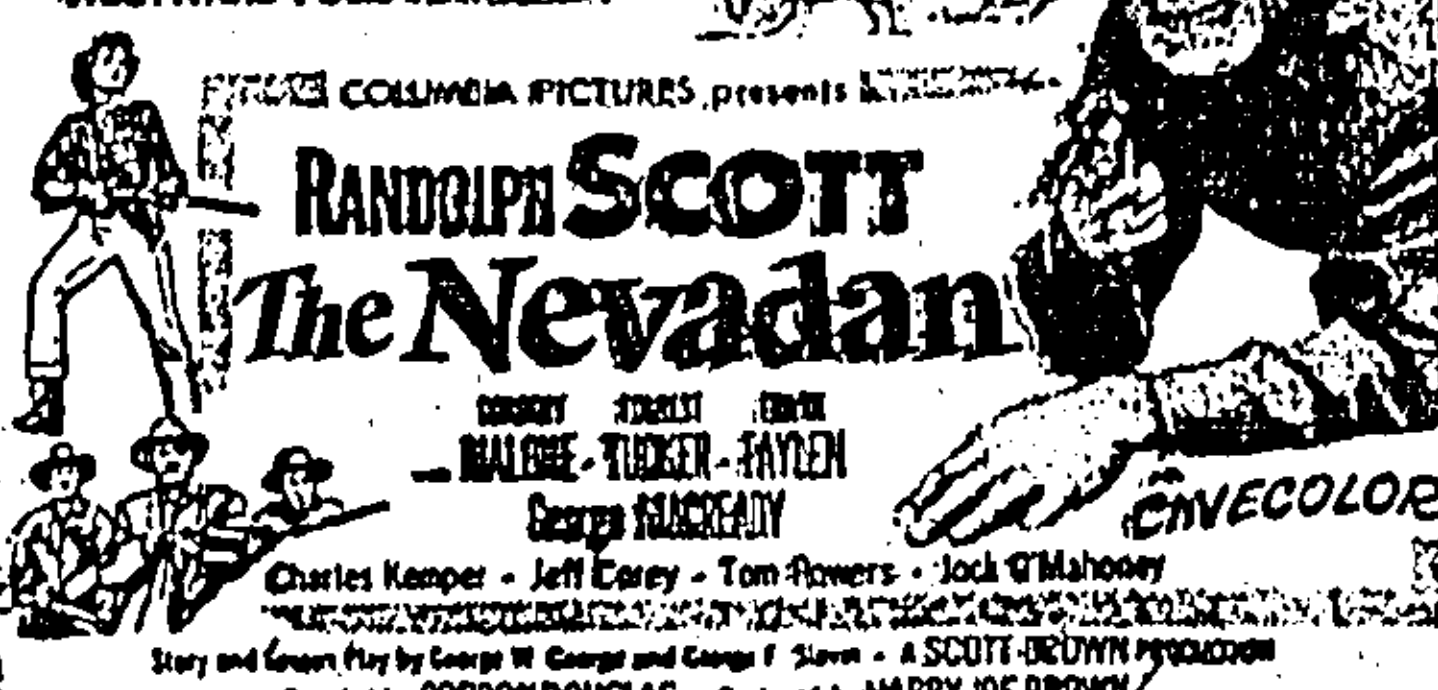
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ALL QUIET ON THE BOSPHORUS

Istanbul, August 21.

All is quiet on the Bosphorus, the Turkish key to Russia's only year-round outlet to warm Western seas.

Seasoned by 20 major scraps with the Russians in the past several hundred years, the Turks with Russia on their Eastern frontier, Bulgarian satellites within comparatively easy striking distance to the North of this rich and strategic city, and a Russian fleet in the Black Sea, do not appear worried by the cold war at present.

There have been war nerves, some scares, some alarmist reports here, but none of this local reaction to the present world situation has had any serious effect to date, on day-to-day Turkish life.

The most glaring recent alarmist report was that the American consul here had alerted U.S. officials and their dependents to be ready to evacuate in 48 hours notice with a maximum of 48 pounds luggage. This report annoyed the Americans, disconcerted the Turks, and had repercussions in Washington. It was followed by U.S. and Turkish official explanations that such alert orders were routine for all non-nationals in critical foreign areas. It was also pointed out that similar orders to be used, if necessary, for Americans in such possible danger zones as Berlin, Vienna, Trieste, Teheran, Hong Kong or Saigon.

There have also been a few minor incidents along the Turkish-Russian and Turkish-Bulgarian borders. But these orders are still probably the quietest of all East-West frontiers.

Another factor which could have contributed to unrest here, but so far has failed to do so, has been the recent and satellite diplomatic personnel—back to their native capitals. Turks, in general, have been more amused than alarmed by this "returning for consultations" and have regarded it as just another move in the war of nerves.

Life as usual

Meanwhile, life goes on as usual for the Turks. The prices of bread and sugar—the latter the major item for the latter—have not risen. Turkey have dropped a bit, while rents and property values have increased a little.

Tourist and visitors—but none from Communist countries—through the mosques, the bazaars, and the numbers. It is almost impossible to get a room in one of the major Istanbul or Ankara hotels without days of advanced reservation.

The electorate is still waiting for the election promised by the New Democrat Government of Celal Bayar, but the waiting is quiet and patient. There is no sign of political crisis. Instead of the economic and political reforms one of the first bills passed by the Bayar regime revoked an Ataturk religious reform and allowed Moslem Muezzins to call the faithful to prayer from their minarets in Arabic as well as Turkish. All Muezzins now call in Arabic as well as in Turkish. It has been popularly received by the people who regard it as a welcome return to the "real faith."

Foreign policy

As promised by the Bayar Government, there has been no major change in Turkey's foreign

policy as laid down by Ataturk and his successors. For defence purposes, the average Turk believes that his trained armed forces of about 400,000 men is adequate, perhaps too much. He is satisfied that with American technical advice and material that has been furnished under the U.S. aid programme Turkey will be able to give good account of herself in event of war.

A Turkish businessman—among those who normally show most immediate reaction to threat of war—expressed confidence that the prices of gold and foreign exchange had shown no undue fluctuation, that there has been no flight of capital abroad, that there was no hoarding and that business plans and investments were continuing as usual.

He believed that Turkey's present situation—economically, politically, internationally and militarily—was as good as ever, if not better.—United Press.

EXPLOSIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Vienna, August 20.

New explosions of burning oil or gas in the Slovak oilfield of Malagna, seven miles across the Czechoslovak border, lit up the sky in Vienna tonight, 45 miles away.

People in Vienna saw a new column of fire to the East of the city which broke out last night.

According to observations, the explosions had become much stronger an observer said.

Lower Austrian fire engines were rushed eastwards yesterday in the belief that one of the oil wells in the great Austrian oil field near the border had blown up, but they were turned back by police who explained that the fire was over the Czechoslovak border.

No information about the fire was available here.—Reuter.

GREEK REDS MAKE OFFER

London, August 20.

The Greek Communist Party today offered to join forces with all "democratic" parties in Greece to prevent a right-wing Coalition Government.

A "Free of Greece" broadcast today said that the Party Politburo called on "all democratic parties and personalities" to unite in order to obtain a dissolution of the Chamber and new free elections and, after proclaiming a general amnesty, to form a Government of "true people's unity."—Reuter.



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MOST MODERN UNDERGROUND

Stockholm, August 21.

The most up to date underground in the world—the new underground under Stockholm—is to be opened on October 1. On that date the first 40 green underground cars will take suburban Stockholm dwellers to the city, and later on about 200 cars will ply the line.

The City Council decided in 1920 to construct an underground tramway line from the South to the "Slussen"—a point between the Southern and Northern parts of the city. This first Stockholm underground was inaugurated in 1933 and has since been operated with tram cars.

During World War II it was clear that the Western suburban areas had to be linked up with the Southern one by a rapid transit system, and the Council decided in 1941 to construct an extension of the old underground. The work, however, could not start until after the war.

Chief Planning Engineer of AB Stockholm Sparvagnar, Stig Samuelson, hopes it will be possible to complete the first underground system in 1955, thus enabling fast through traffic between the Western and Southern suburbs.

The longest continuous ride then will be about 22 miles from Hagsäby at the Lake of Mälaren in the West to Södertörn in the South. Later on an additional underground will be constructed.

On the Central section of the underground the cars will have a normal speed of about 15 miles per hour and a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour. They will be of a new type for Stockholm, built after a prototype of New York's underground cars. Their length will be 16.5 metres with a total seating capacity of 52 persons, but in addition to that, 120 pas-

sengers will have standing room. Three double doors—air operated—allow the passengers to enter or alight. During the winter all doors can be operated by the passengers by push-buttons.—United Press.

Communism in the Philippines

Baguio City, August 21.

The President of the Senate, Mariano Jesus Cuenco, warned that Communists were "working in the shadows to destroy the Philippine Republic" and called for vigorous implementation of the late President Quezon's policy of "social justice" as the only effective answer to the challenge of Communism.

Senator Cuenco delivered two speeches here during the weekend at Baguio College and at the Rotary Club. He told Rotarians that the late President Quezon realised the dangers of Communism's appeal to the masses and implemented the social justice policy, including redistribution of land.

Senator Cuenco called for progressive legislative embracing social security, minimum wages, low-cost housing, land reforms and other similar measures to combat Communism.

In his speech at Baguio College, he said: "Even granting the present Government is run like hell, it is still the Government of the Philippines by Filipinos for Filipinos and better than a government run by Moscow or the puppets of International Communism here."—United Press.

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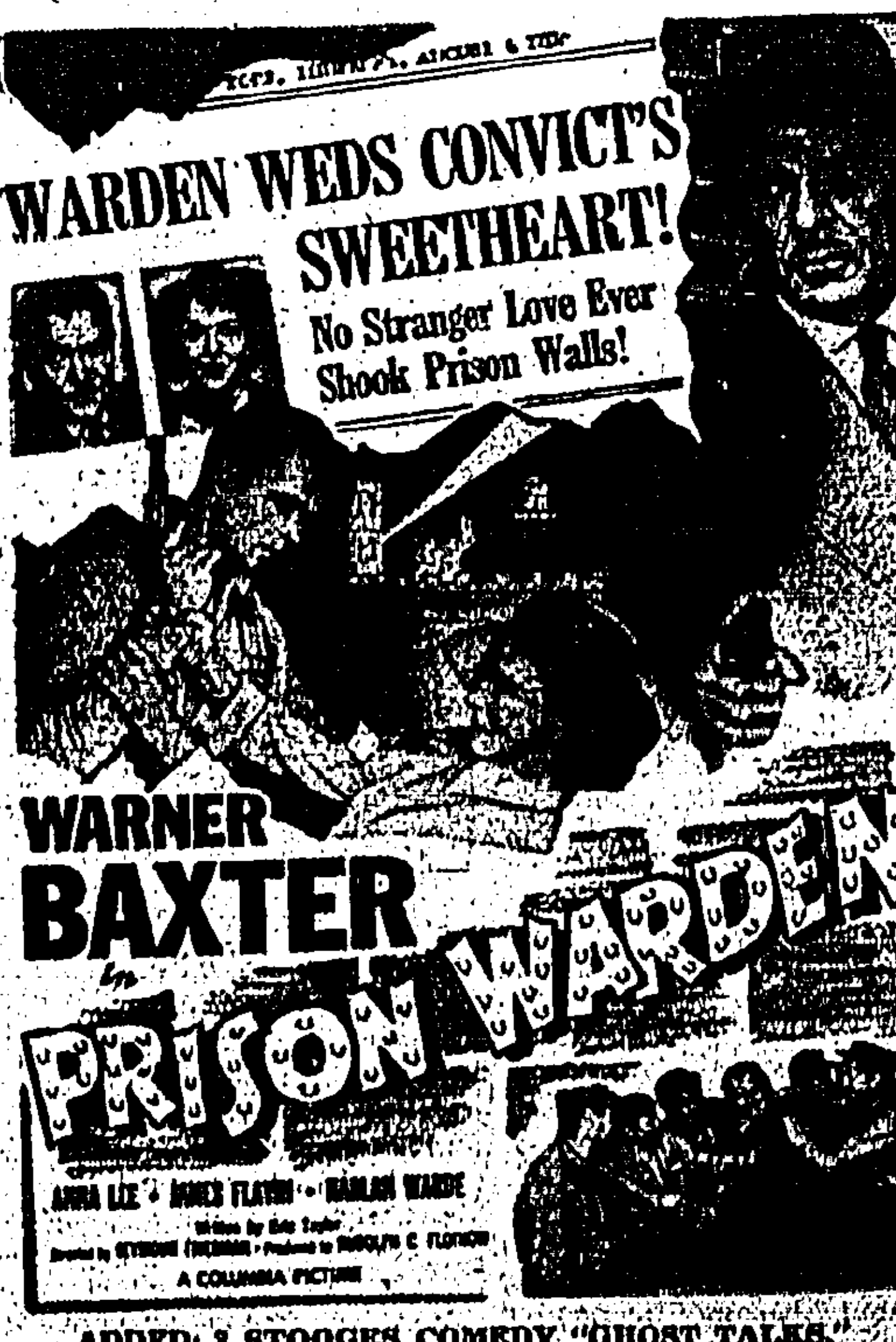
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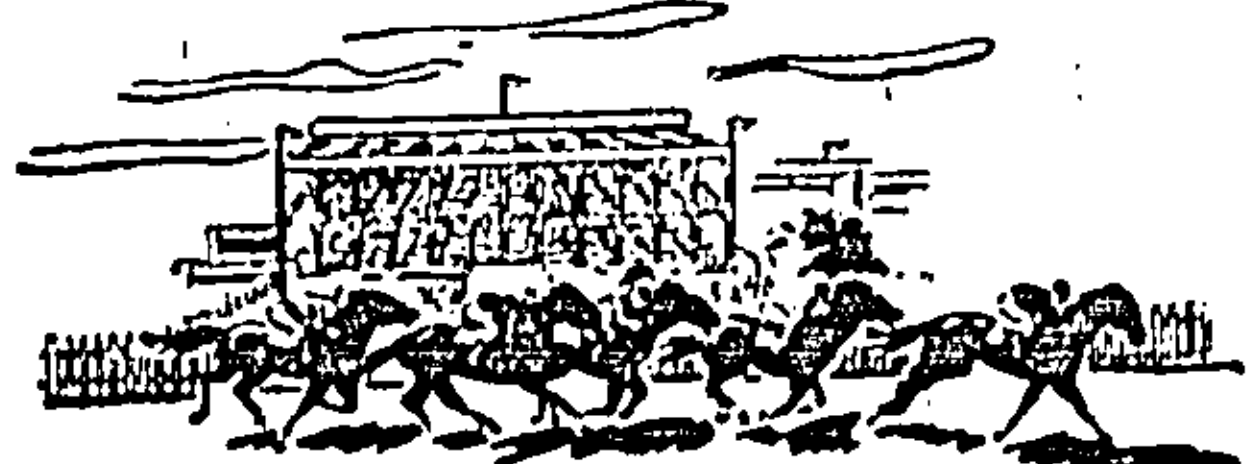
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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will shortly take place between Paul Douglas Arnold, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Arnold, and Margaret Patterson, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. T. H. Wallace of Bishopscourt, Dromore, Co. Down.

BRITISH TROOPS FOR KOREA

In his second report to the Security Council, General MacArthur appealed to members of the United Nations to send him ground forces for Korea as speedily as possible. This appeal was made public during the week-end. A Washington despatch about the same time indicated that the United States Defence Department might request Britain to send ground forces to Korea "if the concentration of Northern Korean troops becomes much greater in the next few weeks than it has been estimated."

It was officially announced yesterday morning that in response to the request by the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Forces in Korea, the United Kingdom had decided to despatch an infantry force from Hong Kong to Korea immediately. The two battalions to go from here will be replaced almost at once by the Wiltshires, now on their way out from Britain, and by certain Gurkha units of fully-trained fighting men who have been undergoing engineer training in Malaya. An armoured car squadron is also being sent from Malaya to Hong Kong.

There will be widespread gratification at Britain's swift response to General MacArthur's appeal. Many Britons have been feeling distinctly uneasy during recent weeks, as pressure on the American troops became more and more heavy, at the absence of definite word about the despatch of British troops to Korea. It is true that we have been fighting our own jungle war with the Communists in Malaya for the past two years, and that our defence commitments are world-wide in scope. Perhaps that is why action has not been taken earlier.

The transfer of some of the troops from here and Malaya was in fact mooted within a week of the North Korean invasion. It was generally felt at that time, however, that it was unwise to reduce the forces here or in Malaya without immediate replacements. China's attitude was, to say the least, enigmatic. Hong Kong's garrison had been cut down appreciably by the transfer of two brigades earlier to Malaya. Moreover, substantial reinforcements were on their way from the United States to South Korea, and it was assumed they would be sufficient to hold the bridgehead around Pusan till the time came, some months later, to turn to the offensive. Meanwhile a British Brigade group was being organised, to be sent out to Korea later in the year.

During the past week or two, however, it became clear that the Northern Koreans were getting more reinforcements than expected, and until the counter-attacks this week-end were launched the position became somewhat anxious. No doubt as a result of this emergency, and General MacArthur's appeal,

Potent force

From Robert Shearer, Rome.
In Roman Catholic Italy, the churches are filled regularly although the congregations tend to consist largely of women. In the small towns and villages the religious needs of the children are particularly well catered for, so that they often go to church three times on a Sunday.

The most important youth organisation in Italy is the juvenile section of the Catholic Action Movement, the militant social arm of the Vatican. The young people belonging to this movement are so steeped in Roman Catholic doctrine that regular church parades are considered superfluous and are seldom held. There are no compulsory church parades in Italy's fighting services and women preachers are unknown in the country, save among the small Baptist, Methodist and Waldensian groups.

A family rule

From Stephen Coulter, Paris.
The Church flourishes and is still a powerful social force in France. During the last half-century it has lost nearly so much of its popular appeal and influence over the people as in some non-Latin countries. Apart from its spiritual appeal, the Church in France continues to be a socially active element in hundreds of Church schools. Attendance at church at least once on Sunday is still the rule in most families, and in hundreds of towns, villages and hamlets all over the country there are regular week-day attendances as well.

Thousands of French students are regular church-goers, and recently French Roman Catholic priests have been visiting pits, factories, and workshops and, by taking jobs among the workers, have tried to set examples of decent, honest living in the toughest conditions.

Competition

From John Jarrett, New York.
Five out of every 12 Americans are members of some church or other, and for the Roman Catholics, and more vigorous low church people, this membership

plans have been changed and British reinforcements are to go to Korea as soon as shipping is available.

Only a short interval will elapse between the departure of the two battalions from Hong Kong and the arrival of replacements. There is no need, therefore, for any special anxiety about this move. Many months have passed since the People's Liberation Army took over the adjoining province, and the crisis in a local sense has passed. Many of the best troops under General Lin Piao have been transferred to the North—some of them back to Manchuria. There has been no indication whatever of any desire to create a crisis here. Indeed, the reception accorded in Peking by Government leaders to the industrial and commercial mission which toured China and Manchuria was markedly reassuring. So far from betraying any hostility to Hong Kong, the Government leaders expressed a desire for the fullest co-operation in trade between the Colony and the mainland, consistent with the policy laid down.

The position now more than ever depends on the evolution of high policy, not upon any attitude peculiar to Hong Kong. The Peking Government has hitherto maintained a policy of restraint in regard to Korea. There is nothing really new in Mr. Chou En-lai's messages to Mr. Malik and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, published in the pro-Communist papers here yesterday. The criticisms of the United States are sharper, and Peking has proclaimed its concern in the ultimate settlement of the Korean problem. There is no suggestion, however, of armed intervention in the Korean conflict either by China or by the Soviet Government.

The more representative United Nations forces are in Korea, the better. As General MacArthur himself said, the international character of the operations in Korea has received important emphasis since the preparation of the last report to the Security Council on the offer of combat forces. The more international the effort, the more will Soviet attempts to concentrate suspicion and propaganda on the United States be thwarted.

RELIGION IN OUR AGE

Is the Christian Church a spent force? Or is it more vital than ever? Light is thrown on this much debated question by our Correspondents in various countries in the following article.)

means that they actually go to church at least once a week. The Roman Catholics claim the largest following and number 24 million. Next come the Baptists with 15 million active members, followed by the Methodists with 10½ million. All the major churches, however, are in constant and lively competition with each other.

All of America's youth organisations have marked religious tendencies, and many of them maintain their own Sunday Schools, which are usually surprisingly well attended. Nor is there any lack of student ministers. Women preachers, except in some of the low and Negro churches, are rare.

Only four visits

From James White, Copenhagen.
In Denmark, 97 per cent of the people belong to the State (Lutheran) Church, although most of them are only nominal members. During the last 20 years, there has been a growing indifference to religion, so that

many Danes go to church only four times, when they are baptised, confirmed, married, and buried. Some 116,500 children attend Denmark's Sunday Schools, and young peoples church parades are well attended, although in the towns the churches are losing hundreds of members to the cinemas. An indication of the future influence of the church in Denmark can be gathered from the fact that theology students comprise only seven per cent of the students at the University of Copenhagen.

Small congregations

From Ian Stanbury, Hamburg.
The end of the war brought a religious revival to Germany when bewildered by destruction and suffering, the Germans turned to the Christian Churches, to Spiritualism, Anthroposophism, and Buddhism in search of spiritual peace.

Now, however, this post-war religious phase has ended, and although in the Roman Catholic South, and in the Rhineland, the churches are still full, the Protestant congregations are far smaller than in Britain, and Buddhists and Theosophists are hard to find.

"Give us back our arms," say the Japs

By Richard Hughes

Former leaders of the Imperial Japanese Army are now openly and vigorously urging the re-establishment of the Japanese Army "to help fight the common menace of Communism."

They argue that the existing ban on a Japanese army is now unrealistic and that the democratic renunciation of war in the new constitution is ridiculous. It is known that several of General MacArthur's military advisers privately share the public opinion of General Elchberger, formerly General MacArthur's deputy in the United States, that at least five divisions of Japanese troops should be enlisted as "volunteers" and thrown into the battle against the Reds.

"Maybe the South Koreans wouldn't like to see the Japanese back," said one staff officer with long combat experience. "So what?" The South Koreans are no more our allies than the North Koreans are our real enemies. There is only one enemy for us all, and everyone knows who it is.

General MacArthur himself has expressed no opinion on the possible use of Japanese "volunteers," but it can be assumed that he would be reluctant to begin changing the pacifist clauses in the new Japanese constitution. Despite the current reverses he has voiced complete confidence in ultimate victory on the present schedule of promised United States reinforcements.

"Patriotic" Japanese, however, were jubilant at General MacArthur's recent order to Prime Minister Yoshida to create a new National Police Force of 75,000 men, which they hailed as tacit approval of the building-up of a new "democratic" Japanese Army.

He claims that with Japanese official records of demobilisation 10 efficient Japanese divisions could be remobilised within a week on a "volunteer" basis, and that three to four months' training would bring officers and men back to combat ability.

By that time, he says, the United States could not ship the necessary arms and supplies to Japan—"unless, of course, the occupation authorities permitted the Japanese also to relieve the Americans of that responsibility by reopening our closed arsenals."

"Most of these troops have already had hard combat experience," said Matsuda, aged 50, now a square-shouldered bullet-headed farmer in a village outside Tokyo, "and we could select from the wide range of Japanese ex-staff officers who have had actual experience in Korea and Manchuria."

"I know that there are still tens of thousands of patriotic Japanese noble enough to sacrifice their lives for the defence of Japan against the Soviet. If the Emperor would issue a call for volunteers, recruiting offices would be besieged."

Air force, too
Two former air officers, Colonels Rin Horii, aged 48, and Munee Kono, aged 44, who are neighbours of General Matsuda, supported the General, arguing particularly for a reborn Japanese air force.

"Two or three months would rub the rust off our former Japanese Air Force crews," said Horii. "I could personally recruit hundreds of efficient pilots at a week's notice."

Horii admitted that he himself would be delighted to fly again. "Farming was never an ambition of mine," he said dryly. "I have been trained to fly and fight."

Colonel Kono, a former ace fighter pilot, emphatically agreed. He made it clear that he had read and studied every textbook he could find—officially contraband in Japan—on jet fighters.

Colonel Satoru Horita, aged 51, former officer in the dread Kamikaze (Secret Police), urged that the occupation authorities should lift the purge on ex-professional officers in the old Japanese Army holding ranks lower than major. "Those young officers were never responsible for Japan's war effort," he said. "If restored they would comprise an added officer cadre for the proposed new Japanese police force, or an eventual new Japanese Army."

Basic factor
Like all other Japanese officers, Horita reverently stresses the vital need for identifying Emperor Hirohito with any "voluntary" enlistment of a new army to fight the Reds.

"The basic factor which raised the morale of Japanese in the Imperial Army was the Emperor," he said. "Democracy is not yet strong enough to become a war cry in Japan."

On Stalin's doorstep

By ERIC SEWELL

It is a few minutes to nine o'clock. The early Bavarian twilight has swept down from the mountains and already the lights of the village hotel are twinkling like a lonely beacon in the valley.

From inside drifts the jolting murmur of after-dinner conversation. Cigars weave contentedly through the air, their perfume mingling pleasantly with the tang of the pine-woods. The tourists—British, French, American and Swiss—are gay, well-fed, enjoying life and each other's company with peaceful relish.

They are, as it is said, "Away from it all." Then sound the strokes of nine o'clock. Someone switches on the radio. The movement is being repeated in hundreds of similar hotels throughout Bavaria and Austria. And in each lounge is spreading the same chilly hush.

The voice of the announcer reading the news bulletins from London jogs the holiday-maker back to reality. For, in the heart of Europe, the Korean war assumes so immediate a significance that its events cannot be heard without a sense of panic.

The tourists are neither military nor diplomatic experts, but they do know that Communism is on the fighting offensive—and the European borderland of Russian territory is not more than 10 minutes by fighter plane from where they are sitting.

I have just returned from Bavaria and Austria and I know that at least once each day the urge to cut short the holiday and return to Britain makes itself felt.

Morose interest

The morose interest shown in the Korean war by the nationals of those two countries does nothing to alleviate the fear of a sudden Western eruption. Their philosophical passivity is in itself vaguely frightening.

The French tourists and soldiers are voluble in their apprehensions; and the Swiss console themselves with the comparative proximity of their border; the British holiday-makers rumble uneasily for 10 minutes after the news bulletin and then forget it—try to till the following evening.

The American attitude is the most positive. Travel bureaux are filled with U.S. tourists altering their itineraries to make their stay in Austria or Bavaria as short as possible. Were it not for the assurance that they are in company with thousands of fellow countrymen—all taking the same risk—they would stay away altogether.

As it is, the Americans make sure they know the time of the next plane to Paris or London. The U.S. Occupation Forces have already decided the position is serious enough for action. Families who came out to Bavaria to be with their menfolk are daily setting off back to America.

There are more than 50,000 of these women and children in the American Zone. The authorities, with an eye to their possible danger, have mapped out a vast evacuation programme. Sixty-seater transport planes are standing by to take them to safety on a moment's notice.

But the American soldier is not satisfied. Mindful that only a few miles away hundreds of Russian jet fighters are lying primed for action, he thanks the authorities very much for troubling about evacuation scheme—and sends his wife and kiddies to safety AT ONCE.



Local policeman robbed of his gun. Police believe me, this never happened before.

"King Farouk wins £20,000 at baccarat." Nice work: but I still prefer poker.

A warm week-end brought out many sunbathers in Britain. There was something nude under the sun.

Communism is not doing very well in Turkey, where the people state emphatically: Stalin is not the Bosphorus.

"English lassies need take second place to no one anywhere in the world, which, of course includes Hollywood."

And there was I thinking Hollywood was right out of this world.

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Master of the detained British ship in Taiwan says the U.K. has ignored the capture.

What's the matter? he wants to know. Cuddeus from so far away?

Chorus girls pant in Paris heat wave.

"Yes, Myrtle, I suppose you could say I was talking about French kickers."

The body of a elephant which dies near a river, says a local report, soon disintegrates, and "the ground, highly fertilised, is covered by a dense floral growth, making detention almost impossible."

I should have thought the contrary.

"If a man steals, no matter what, he will live to regret it," said Brown.

"You used to steal kisses from me before we were married," said his wife coyly.

"Well, you heard what I said."



"I'm glad to get out of those silly clothes one has to wear at the seaside."

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INFANTRY FROM HK FOR KOREAN FRONT

Immediate response to MacArthur's appeal REPLACEMENTS ON WAY

Two battalions of British troops from the Hong Kong garrison—the Middlesex and the Argylls—are to be despatched to Korea immediately, under the command of Brigadier B. A. Coad, according to an official announcement issued by the Army authorities in the Colony yesterday.

The decision to send troops to Korea, the announcement said, was taken in response to a request by the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Forces in Korea, for the despatch of reinforcements without delay.

Units despatched from Hong Kong will be replaced during the first half of September by the Fifth Battalion, the Wiltshire Regiment, now on route from the United Kingdom, and by certain Gurkha units of fully-trained fighting men now undergoing engineer training in Malaya.

PEKING INVITES NEHRU

New Delhi, August 20. The Communist Government of China has invited the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, to pay an official visit to Peking, a Government spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the invitation came from Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic, who is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Chinese People's Republic.

Informed sources said Mr. Nehru was giving serious consideration to the offer and might accept if he considered talks with the Chinese Government would contribute to world peace.

The Indian Premier has already tried to bring about a cease-fire in Korea by peaceful negotiation.

Sources said that while the talks would primarily be concerned with Indo-Chinese problems, Mr. Nehru could also be expected to bring up the question of Korea with a view to securing Chinese co-operation in his efforts for peace.

Madame Sun has known Pandit Nehru for several years—United Press and Reuters.

PRAVDA CHARGE

Moscow, August 20. Pravda today reported a concentration of United States troops in the Danube area. The paper—referred to as its source the German news agency, ADN—Associated Press.

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The official announcement added that an armoured car squadron is also being sent from Malaya to Hong Kong.

British infantrymen being moved from Hong Kong to Korea could, if required, be in action in Korea in less than two weeks, informed quarters in London estimate, according to Associated Press.

The War Office had nothing to add to the announcement of General Sir John Harding, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, in Singapore, that a British infantry force will leave immediately to join the United Nations forces in Southern Korea.

His announcement had been expected, but it was said that details of timing and transport were being worked out in Hong Kong.

The infantrymen, understood to be well-equipped and prepared by intensive training in Hong Kong, will be the first British ground forces to be engaged in Korea.

British naval and air forces have been in continuous action and reinforcements have been despatched from home ports.

Keeping HK up to strength
The British aircraft carrier Warrior left Portsmouth on Sunday with more personnel for British warships off Korea.

Warrior was preceded on Friday by the aircraft carrier Theseus with 44 planes aboard. Both are 13,350-ton vessels.

The War Office said that troops leaving Hong Kong are being replaced by forces from other stations.

A War Office spokesman said these reinforcements are still wrapped up in security, and that no announcement will be made until they have reached Hong Kong.

Informed quarters estimated there have been 35,000 regulars in the Hong Kong area recently.

The policy appeared to be to keep the Hong Kong garrison up to strength despite the despatch of a force of unannounced strength to Korea.

Best informed estimates in London were that this first contingent might number around 5,000 men.

Going next week?
United Press adds that Britain took speedy action after United States officials conferred with high Government officials in London, and General MacArthur called for reinforcements for his battle-weary troops.

Britain was reported to have 25,000 seasoned soldiers, most of them veterans of the Pacific war, on duty in Hong Kong.

It was believed in London (says United Press) that replacements for the Hong Kong garrison would number no more than 2,000 men, so Britain would be temporarily cutting its force in the strategic Colony by some 2,500.

**Sidelight of King
Edward's abdication**

London, August 20. A little known story about the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936 came to light here during publication of the Duke of Windsor's memoirs. It concerns the working man's attitude toward the King.

Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. for Jarrold (later Minister of Education) was leading the Jarrold Hunger March on London the same year. She and a prominent Socialist writer, walking at the head of the head of the column, were discussing Mrs. Wallis Simpson's divorce, which had just been announced.

Some of the men overheard them, and during a rest stop came up, disturbed, for King Edward was very popular with the working men. Those men were fighting to keep their families together, however, and felt that the King would undermine the family if he married a divorcee.

"Is it true that the King intends to marry Mrs. Simpson?" they asked Miss Wilkinson.

If shipping is available at Hong Kong, the British reinforcements might be available to General MacArthur by next week.

United Press quotes a British Army spokesman in Hong Kong as saying that the British force for Korea would be two battalions, roughly 1,500 men, although the Hong Kong garrison was not being reduced. Departure of the First Battalion Middlesex Regiment and First Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders would be as soon as possible.

He added that the units were packing now. They will be under the command of Brigadier B.A. Coad, who is now here.

It was possible that the troops might leave aboard a chartered ship, although the regular troopship is due here in the first part of September.

Departure of the two battalions will leave the Hong Kong garrison consisting of four battalions of infantry, six regiments of artillery and one tank regiment, but this will be reinforced next month by the First Battalion Wiltshires which is already en route, as well as some Gurkhas and Fourth Hussars from Malaya.

The Wiltshires are aboard the Empire Trooper. The garrison's fighting troops will be less than 10,000 after replacements, says United Press.

IZVESTIA CHARGES ITALY

Moscow, August 20. "Izvestia" today charged Italy with flagrant violation of the peace treaty by rearming rapidly and being drawn into the Atlantic Pact.

It said the Government was steadily increasing appropriations for war training, reserve officers, building rocket planes, and sending Italian experts to Calcutta, Tennessee, to study atomic work.

"Izvestia" said the Conservative Italian Press "frankly admitted Italy was rearming" and anti-Soviet propaganda was especially intensified after the Korean war began, with high officials under Minister of the Interior Scelba directing propaganda for aggression, which "shows it is not a private affair but organized on a national, universal State scale."

"Izvestia" said the Soviet Government called attention to Italy's violations of the peace treaty in notes in July and September 1949, but the violations were continuing and intensifying. It said the de Gasperi Government was not popular and more than 14,000,000 Italians had signed the Stockholm appeal.—United Press.

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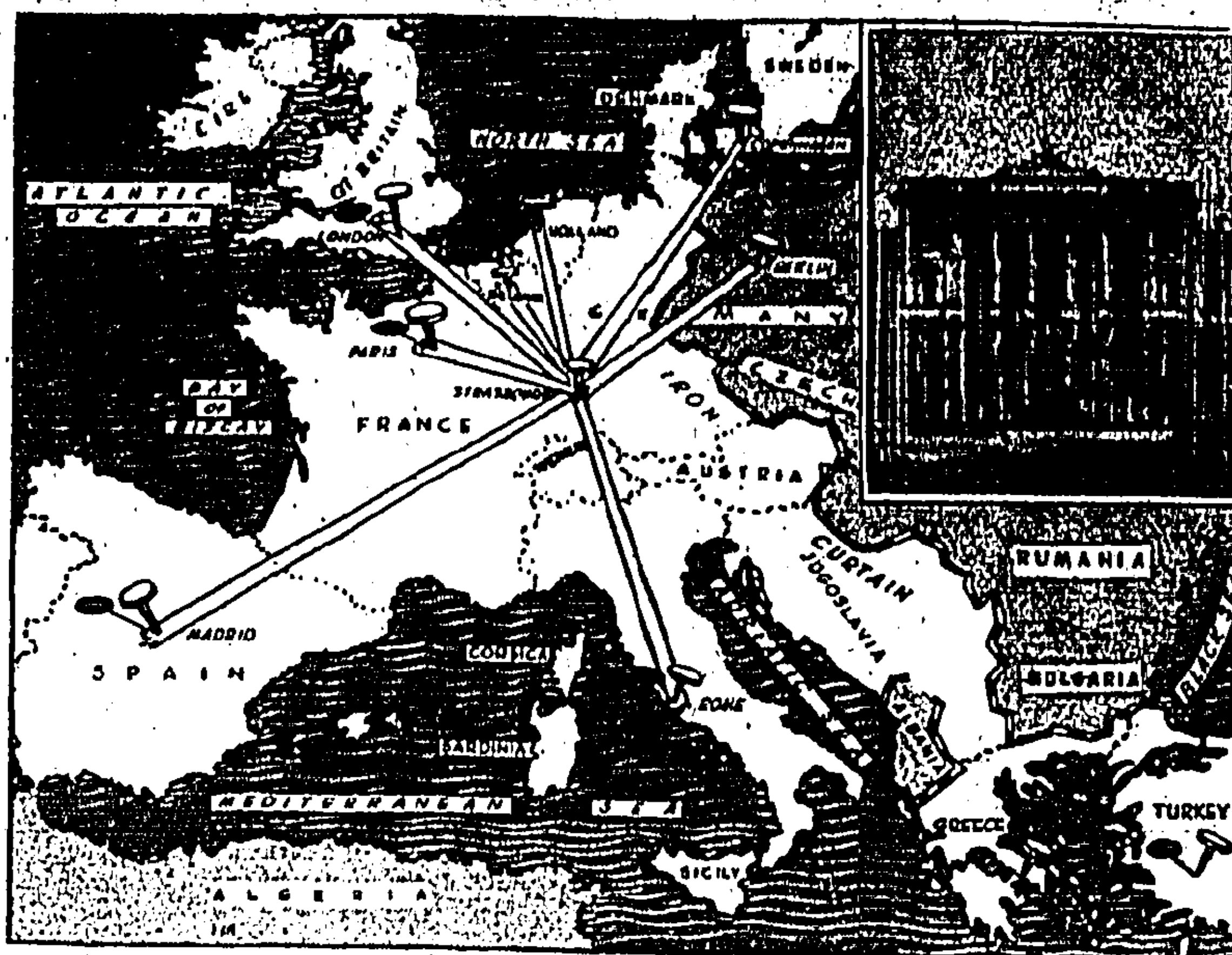
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Across the world the echo of events in Korea reaches Strasbourg, where the Assembly of the Council of Europe meets and discusses the world situation—and the distant sound of battle ceases to alarm.

For a new, resurgent spirit invades the House of Europe. On all sides there is evidence of an awakening to preparedness.

Britain is to spend £3,400,000,000 on a three-year arms programme. France announces £2,000,000,000 more for defence, and will form 15 new army divisions.

Defence plans

Belgium, Denmark, Norway, and Luxembourg have made new defence plans to operate under the Atlantic Pact scheme.

Holland steps up the production of military equipment and will form three new divisions.

Greece and Turkey ask to join the Atlantic Defence Pact. To Italy, who joined the pact last year, the flow of arms from America is steady.

The Austrian appeal for the reduction of occupation forces is met with a firm but polite refusal from Britain and France—until the Russians relax their strangle-hold upon their zone of Austria.

Pulse strong

In Strasbourg today the pulse of the Western countries beats clearly and in good health. The pattern of events becomes recognizable.

Korea is not allowed to become a distant diversion, weakening and dividing Western Europe. Instead, it is having the effect of arousing the enemies of world Communism, putting them into a state of preparedness.

Strasbourg, August 1950, is a date line no one writes with shame. For this month of this year may mark the turning of a tide.

(Inset top right of map: The setting for the meeting at Strasbourg).

MOVES FOR UN TO PUBLISH WAR AIMS

Lake Success, August 20.

Pressure is mounting rapidly here for the United Nations to spell out its "war aims" in the Korean conflict.

It has already resulted in an exploratory discussion of a scheme to put North Korea under temporary United Nations trusteeship until free elections can be held to set up a single democratic government for the whole country.

Pressure for showing the Korean masses what they might expect after the defeat of the Red invaders has been exerted chiefly by the Indian delegation up to now, but it is being buttressed by several additional factors, among which are:

1. Sudden brightening of the military situation for the United Nations forces in Korea. Though this brightening may be only temporary, it has served as a reminder that the United Nations sooner or later would have to face the positive problem of what to do with the country when its forces triumph on the battlefield.

2. Realization that the Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, has only 11 more days as President of the Security Council. After that, with Mr. Malik no longer able to tie up proceedings, the Council may be able to get on with constructive work on the Korean crisis.

3. The parallel realization that the General Assembly is just around the corner, convening at Flushing Meadow in September.

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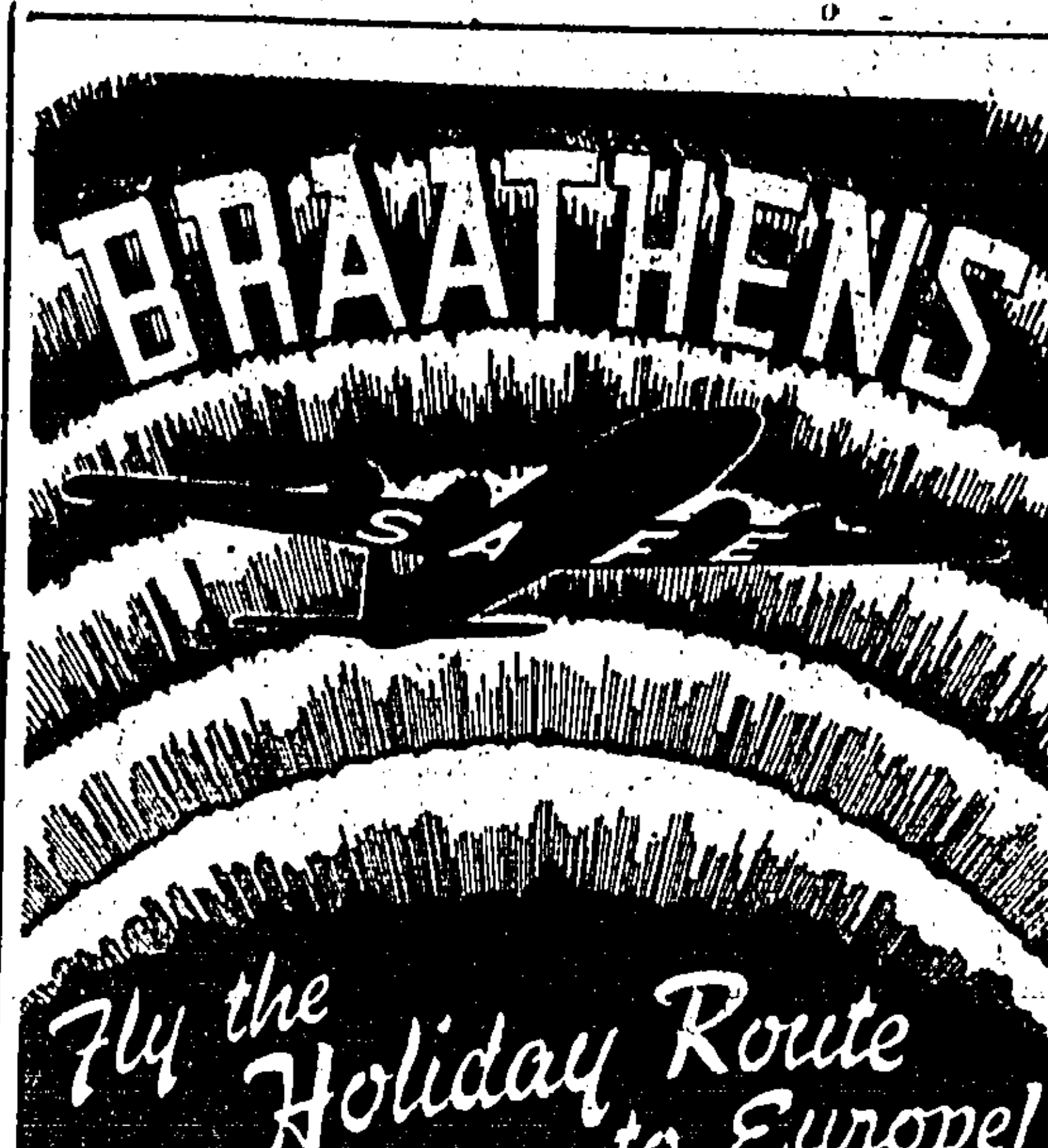
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IS YUGOSLAVIA NEXT ON KREMLIN'S LIST?

Belgrade, August 21.

Is Yugoslavia next on the Kremlin's list after Korea for a cold war shooting match? This is the question many people here are asking. Russia's satellites along Yugoslavia's North and Eastern borders have intensified their nerve war against this country since the invasion of South Korea.

ALBANIAN PEASANT UNREST

Belgrade, August 20.

The Communist Government of Albania has organised "civil guard" detachments throughout the country to support the regular Army and police, controlling peasants discontented over the one-way flow of credit to Russia, the Yugoslav Press said today.

A long article on conditions in Albania, which appeared in "Omladin", organ of the Communist youth, said the USSR was taking Albanian crude oil, copper, chrome, timber, leather, meat, cheese and cooking oil. In return, it said, Moscow had failed to deliver promised industrial supplies, including sugar refinery, textile factory and oil refinery equipment.

"Albania has become fully dependent on the USSR while its economy serves Soviet industrial and economic needs... the Government has been forced to organise so-called Civil Guards, consisting of groups of peasants considered to be devoted supporters of Premier Enver Hoxha's regime."

In theory these guards were "to defend and protect villages... but in reality they serve as armed help to the authorities in the struggle against those opposing high and unfair buying up for export."—United Press.

INDIAN FOOD PRODUCTION

New Delhi, August 20.

Food production in India and the procurement of food grains by the Government for supplying deficit and rationed areas are to be organised on a war footing, the Ministry of Food announced here today at the end of two-day talks between 40 Central and State Food Ministers called by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru. —Reuters.

The tone of their propaganda, which now alleges that Marshal Tito, with Western support, has aggressive designs on his Cominform neighbours, and various military and security measures are reported being taken on their side of the border, could be interpreted as preparations for a "self-defence" attack on Yugoslavia of the North Korean type.

Reports reaching here from Bulgaria indicate that for some time now the Bulgarians have been systematically strengthening their military post along the frontier, building "barracks" and ostentatiously moving troops, including their crack 2nd Armoured Brigade, towards the Yugoslav frontier.

Three frontier incidents occurred recently involving the exchange of shots between Yugoslav and Bulgarian frontier guards and the killing of one Bulgarian.

Anti-Yugoslav propaganda has been intensified in border towns and villages and warnings have been sent round to Bulgarian peasants to be on guard against all attempts to burn their crops by "Serbian Fascist Titoists."

More recently the Bulgarians partially closed their frontier with Yugoslavia, forbidding movement across it of peasants of both nationalities who own land on either side of the border.

In Rumania

In Rumania what the Yugoslavs describe as suspicious military manoeuvres by Rumanian troops coincide with alleged "terrorisation" of the Yugoslav minority living just inside the border.

More troops and police have been drafted into these areas and mass arrests and deportations to "unknown destinations" of Yugoslavs have been reported.

Much the same thing is reported to be happening in Hungary. According to "Borba", the official journal of the Yugoslav Communist Party, three to four thousand Yugoslavs living in the South Western border province of Hungary were moved further inland at 48 hours' notice and an operation to clear all Yugoslavs from frontier areas appears now to be under way.

There are also many rumours of various other military moves, Russian and satellite, but no more, and if anything, in the opinion of military observers, a little less than there were this time last year. They are anyway to be expected just before the regular annual autumn manoeuvres.

Russian arms

Most credible of the rumours, these observers consider, are those of the continued arrival by train and ship of Soviet arms and equipment. This would be in line with Russia's openly declared intentions of modernising and strengthening the armies of her Eastern European satellites.

On the whole, Marshal Tito and his Government do not appear to be taking all these developments too seriously. At any rate they have not thought it worth while to return to Belgrade from their lakeside holiday at Bled in Slovenia.

Nor, it is reliably learned, have they made any attempts to obtain arms from the United

States though, in the opinion of some observers, they would not be averse to American credits with which to purchase arms, say in Switzerland or Sweden.

This is not to say that developments in Korea have not caused considerable nervousness here; more nervousness, in fact, Western diplomats think, than the Soviet troop movements along the Yugoslav-Hungarian and Rumanian borders caused in August and September of last year.

The invasion of Southern Korea by a Soviet satellite came as something of a shock to a country which has four bitterly hostile such satellites on its borders.

Tito statement

All the more so a Yugoslav official has consistently discounted the possibility of Russia attempting an attack on their country or inciting the neighbouring Cominform States to do so on their own account.

Only this spring, Marshal Tito expressed the opinion before foreign correspondents that Russia would not go to war "because under no circumstances will Russia risk being the aggressor."

Developments in the Far East might, Western observers think, oblige Marshal Tito to modify this view.

At present the Yugoslavs prefer to interpret events on their borders as a stepping up of the cold war against them with the two-fold object of:

1.—Diverting the Cominform peoples' attention from their own internal difficulties arising from Yugoslav allegations, from Soviet domination and economic exploitation;

2.—Keeping the Yugoslav border regions in a continuous state of unrest and uncertainty and to force the diversion to defence of more manpower than the country can afford.

Not indifferent

Though publicly the Yugoslavs continue to sit on the fence as regards Korea, preferring to regard the struggle as the inevitable outcome of the politics of "spheres of influence," which they claim to have constantly opposed, Western diplomatic observers believe they are not indifferent to its outcome.

While their official propaganda shouts "a plague on both your houses" to Russia and the United States, both of whom, it claims, are wrongly interfering with the internal affairs of a small country for the sake of power politics, a Communist victory in Korea would not, it is thought, necessarily suit them.

One view here is that: if the North Koreans gain substantial and permanent success against the Americans the Kremlin might be tempted to try further adventures, including that of eliminating once and for all the "heretic" Tito.

Mitigating against this is, however, the Yugoslav belief that their 500,000 strong and well-trained army is more than a match for their neighbours, whether single or together, and that an armed intervention against this country, to be successful, would require the participation of the Red Army.

That it is felt might be just a bit further than Moscow is prepared to go in risking a third world war.—Reuters.



OPENING PAIR

U.S. PACIFIC COAST HIVE OF ACTIVITY

New York, August 21.

Out on the Pacific Coast, 3,000 miles nearer the Korean war scene than here, outward effects of the United States' struggle with Communist aggression were more quickly and more vigorously apparent than on the Atlantic Coast.

The great ports and airfields of Washington, Oregon and California burst into ant-like activity almost overnight and with increasing intensity as the size of the necessary United States war effort became clearer.

Busy as they were during the last five years of peace-time orderliness and progress, cities such as Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, now see the hustle and bustle, the coming and going of uniformed men, departures and arrivals of ships and planes, which were so familiar during the Second World War.

They were then the great supply and staging bases for the gigantic United States effort against the Japanese in the Pacific. The need for speed to reinforce the sorely-pressed men under General Douglas MacArthur is the driving force in the revival of those activities of 1940-45.

San Diego, in California, a great naval base, is perhaps the busiest of the lot. It is the Navy which must provide the supply lines of fighting equipment across 7,000 long, long miles of the Pacific. "San Diego is today like a city unexpectedly caught in a recurring dream," a recent visitor to the city said on his return here. "It is seeing again the activity of days that match those soon after Pearl Harbour."

The grim, methodical departure of the First Marine Division within three weeks of the opening shots in Korea and the quickening tempo within numerous defence establishments on the shoreline are forceful reminders of the San Diego area's prime importance for backing up United States moves in the Pacific.

Natural harbour

The Navy alone has more than 300,000,000 (£107,000,000 sterling) invested in installations along San Diego Bay; first Pacific port-of-call North of the Panama Canal.

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Headquarters for the 11th Naval District, the Naval Operating Base of San Diego, is an immense establishment. It includes a 500-acre training centre that has 17 service schools and an average daily population in peacetime of about 24,000. It has extensive repair and drydock facilities. There is the 2,300-acre North Island Air Station, with convenient adjoining berths for aircraft carriers.

Marines' base

At Silver Strand, an amphibious base established in 1944 is ready. There is the Marine Corps base, which is the nerve centre for all Marine activities on the Pacific Coast.

That does not complete the installation list. The Naval Hospital has an emergency capacity of more than 6,000 bed patients.

There are an important Naval Supply Depot and a Naval Electronics laboratory.

The Army has a harbour defence post at Fort Rosecrans, on Point Loma, and the Coast Guard maintains a special security patrol of cutters and planes from its own bases in the general area. To the North, less than an hour's drive away over a fast shore road, is Camp Pendleton, at Oceanside, Pendleton is Marine "country," with 132,000 acres of training grounds available to keep "Leathernecks" toughened and in fighting trim for any summons.

This great reservoir of defence facilities, understandably enough, constitutes San Diego's No. 1 industry. Yet the city's port, mild all-year climate, beach facilities and railroad connections also make it an industrial and tourist centre.

The Second World War sky-rocketed the population 91 per cent between 1940 and 1948.

Diverse influx

In the taut pre-Pearl Harbour days the city was bewildered by the diverse influx that poured in to work in the huge Lockheed and Douglas Aircraft factories, to enlarge the defence installations, and to serve in the armed forces.

Schools were crowded to bursting point, streets were military highways, sometimes under guard. The city water supply, drawn from nearby lakes, became appallingly low. Housing, from bridal suites to trailers, was at a premium.

In the five years since the war, however, the city has managed to make life "much less hectic" for its estimated 300,000 people. A new water supply has been tapped by tunnel from the Colorado River. Additional subdivisions of housing have sprung up, and other civilian construction has been hastened.

San Diego's experience in coping with spectacular growth during a national emergency may stand it in good stead today.

QUEEN ALIYAH

London, August 20. Queen Aliyah, the Queen Mother of Iraq, who entered a London nursing home nearly fortnight ago, was stated today to be "maintaining" progress.

Latest word from the San Diego Marine base is that more tents are going up for new recruits coming in and expected.—Reuters.

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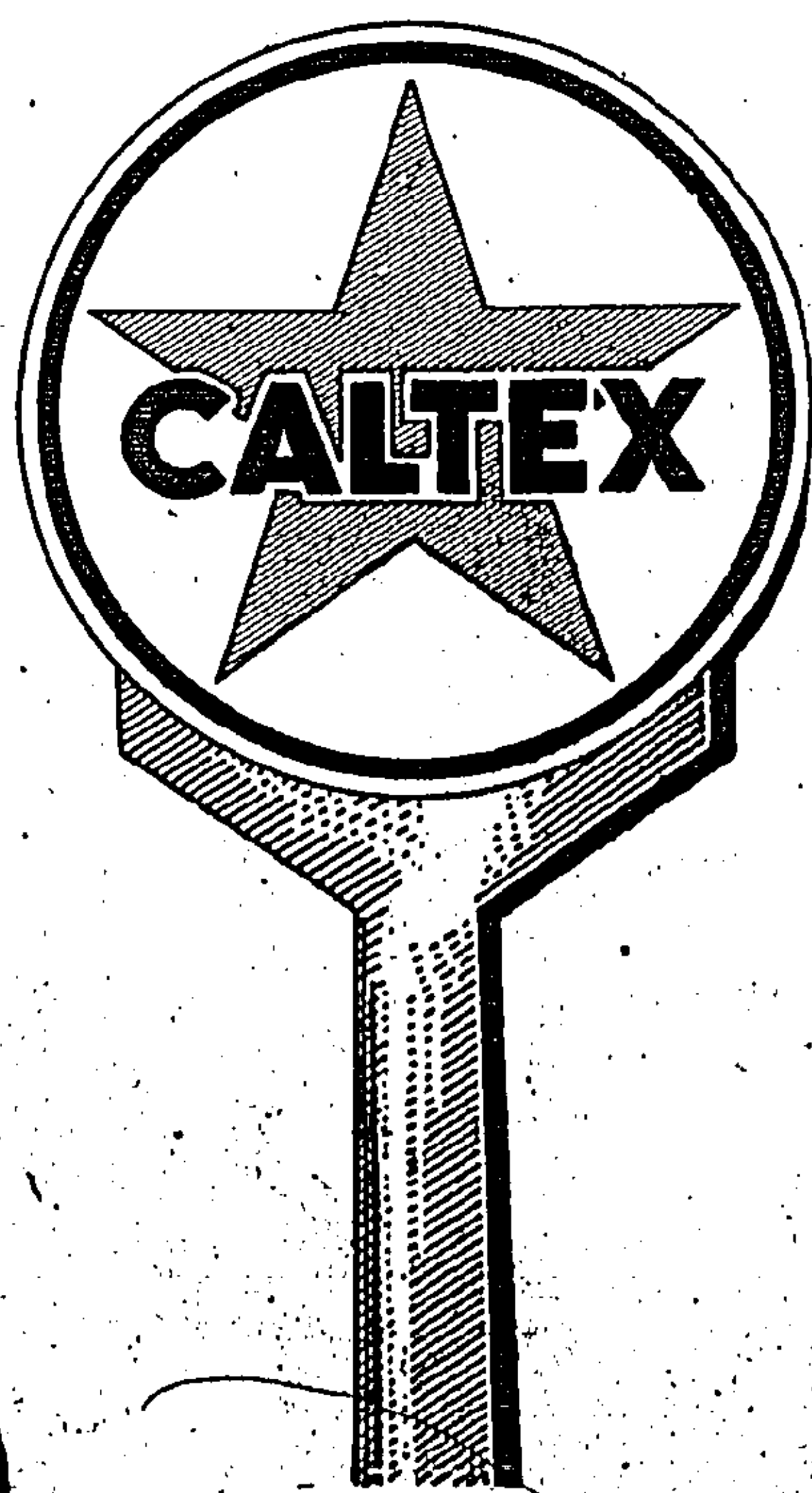
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TENSION EASES ON THE BORDER OF IRAN

Julfa, Iran, August 18. (delayed)
Two bored looking Soviet soldiers lounged under a red metal sunshade to ease the impact of the shimmering midsummer heat.

A hundred yards away, at the near end of the little white bridge, an Iranian sentry wearing an American-made battle helmet paces stiffly back and forth behind a wooden barricade.

That is practically all the movement there is in the middle of the afternoon in this sleepy little border village. It is one of the many spots along the 600-mile land frontier where wary Iranians are facing Red army troops.

Tension has increased in Tehran, the capital 400 miles to the South, as a result of the Korean war. Iranians as well as Western diplomats are wondering whether this oil-rich nation is next on the Communist timetable of aggression.

Here in sunbaked Julfa most of the town's 500 inhabitants fled Southward a month ago when rumours spread that the Russians were up to something across the narrow Araxes River that forms the boundary.

But almost all are back today. Humours died down. Russian friendship overtures in the shape of a proffered commercial treaty have eased the tension.

Iranians here cannot be described as jittery—they have been used to Russian pressure tactics for years. But they are definitely leaning over backwards to avoid any action that the Russians may claim is provocation for a possible invasion.

Five correspondents—three American and two British—ran

up against the policy of non-provocation when they were the first newsmen permitted to visit the border area since the outbreak of war in Korea.

Sometimes shoot

Although escorted by Lieutenant-Colonel Gorgeen Soussanbari, Chief of the Iranian border guard detachment at Julfa, they were stopped twice at security checkpoints on the 90 mile trip from Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan province.

When they got to Julfa itself, they were barred from going up to the Iranian sentry post on the Araxes bank and had to be content with looking it over from a secluded spot 200 yards away. Even the townspeople do not venture down to the River bank.

"The Russians sometimes shoot," Colonel Soussanbari explained.

In the days of the Czars and even after the first Soviet revolution for several years Julfa was a thriving little town—or really two towns, because one settlement is on the Iranian bank and the other on the Russian side. The mud-walled houses stretch along the River valley running between high mountains on either side of the border.

A few hundred yards to the East is another bridge for the broad gauge railway which runs from Tabriz in Iran, across the Araxes and connects with the Russian Trans-Caucasian Line which parallels the frontier for miles.

Troop movements

No trains cross the boundary these days but Iranians can watch Russian trains puff along the Trans-Caucasian Line.

Informed sources report there have been rather extensive movements of troop trains and others carrying weapons in recent months. But these sources say there is nothing to indicate any unusual build-up of strength along the border.

There is a deceptive air of quietness hanging over the two little towns.

On the Iranian side a few loafers sleep in the shade of a wall along the main street. A truck pulls off with workers for the surrounding wheat fields. Stiffly saluting soldiers walk in and out of border guard headquarters.

Through field glasses two small groups of Russians—apparently soldiers—can be seen playing soccer on a recreation field across the river. A lone cow tries to get to the river to drink but is barred by Russian barbed wire.

Perhaps the barbed wire is symbolic. All along the river front barbed wire is stretched on the Soviet side of the town. There is no barbed wire on the Iranian side.

"None of our people want to go over to Russia," Colonel Soussanbari explained with a grin. "But I expect there are plenty of people over there who would like to get away."—Associated Press.



CHANNEL SWIMMERS

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ATTACK REARMAMENT

Frankfurt, August 20.

Ten thousand Germans applauded wildly today when speakers at the first international Socialist rally here since 1948 attacked proposals for German remilitarisation.

Solomon Grumbach, a leading French Socialist, led the attack by declaring that remilitarisation would destroy the new West German Democracy and arouse suspicion in other countries.

French Socialists reject completely the idea of German remilitarisation, M. Grumbach said, adding that the Occupation powers are responsible for the nation's defence.

"Defending German freedom means the defence of the freedom of all humanity," the French Socialist said.

Dr. Erich Ollenhauer, Deputy Chairman of the West German Socialists, told the rally:

"We (German Socialists) say 'no' to German remilitarisation because it would only have political and psychological disadvantages and would serve nobody."

Herr Ollenhauer declared that conditions in Western Germany are too unsettled for such an "adventure" as remilitarisation.

Opposed to any rearming

Nelther M. Grumbach nor Herr Ollenhauer referred directly to proposals for the creation of a unified European army in which Germans would serve, but the tone of their speeches showed they were opposed to the arming of Germans under any conditions.

Herr Ollenhauer's declaration came only two days after the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, was quoted as proposing the creation of a West German defence force equal in size and strength to the powerful East German "People's Army".

Informed Berlin estimates say this Communist force numbers about 80,000 and is growing.

The Socialists—the principal opposition party to the Government coalition headed by Dr. Adenauer, have consistently opposed proposals for German remilitarisation.—Associated Press

YANGTSE BATTLE MEMORIAL

London, August 21.

A memorial plaque to 15 of the ship's company of HMS London who lost their lives in the Yangtze River battle last year is to be unveiled in St. George's Church, Chatham Barracks, during morning service on October 1.

This is the last Sunday on which the London's former commanding officer Rear-Admiral P. G. L. Cazale, will be commander of the barracks. He has been appointed Chief of Staff to the Flag Officer, Western Europe.

One officer and 14 ratings were killed when, in April, 1949, the cruiser attempted, under heavy gunfire, to assist the frigate Amethyst while she was being attacked by Chinese Communist forces in the Yangtze. Admiral Cazale was wounded twice.

Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, who was acting C-in-C, Far East Station at the time of the battle, is to be asked to unveil the memorial, and the next-of-kin of those killed will be invited to the ceremony.

SPANISH TRADE MISSION

San Sebastian, August 21.
A Spanish trade mission will leave soon for Pakistan, India and Australia in an effort to increase trade with these countries.

The mission, to be composed of officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Industry and Commerce, will make a special effort to increase Spanish metal-lurgical exports.—United Press.

JAPAN-KOREA PHONE CUT

Tokyo, August 21.

The National Rural Police found two 25-foot sections of cable cut from the Japan-Korean telephone lines on Saturday night.

The cable was discovered last night in the home of a Korean workman about 20 miles West of Nagoya near where the theft was made.

Police have instituted a nationwide search for the Korean, 43-year-old Eok Ki Man, who disappeared on Saturday night. The cable theft knocked out one military phone to Korea temporarily. Japanese telephone workers replaced the missing cable on Sunday morning.—Associated Press.

DECISION ON WAR LOANS

Singapore, August 21.

The Governments of the Federation of Malaya and of Singapore have agreed that liability for repayment of loans raised by the Finance Committee of the Civilian Internment Camp, Singapore, after the "Double Tenth" (October 10, 1943) should be divided between the Federation and the Colony according to the number of internees resident in the two territories as at 8th December, 1941, with the number of non-resident internees being divided equally.

The Federation Government considers that for the purpose of assessing liability claims should be scaled down according to the following table:

First \$200 to be paid in full;
Next \$400 75 per cent to be paid;

Second \$400 50 per cent to be paid;

Over \$1,000 according to the Debtor/Creditor scale.

The Federation has decided that its share of the funds to meet claims should be contributed in accordance with such revaluation.

The Singapore Government considers that repayment of these loans should be made in full and has contributed sufficient to discharge its share of the obligation in full.

This sum, together with the Federation's contribution on the scaled-down basis will enable a dividend of 75 per cent to be paid on all claims, and it has therefore been agreed between the two Governments that all receipts for internment camp loans made after the "Double Tenth" should be honoured up to 75 per cent of their face value.—Reuter.

MOSLEM PRIESTS VISIT RUSSIA

London, August 20.

A delegation of Moslem priests from Albania, headed by the Albanian Chief Mufti, is visiting Russia, Moscow Radio announced tonight.

The delegation has visited Moscow, Odessa, Tashkent and Samarkand. Its members were given an opportunity to study the religious life of the Soviet Union, Moscow Radio said, as well as witnessing the Soviet achievements in economy and culture. The Chief Mufti said he was glad to have seen with his own eyes that the people of the Soviet Union were free to worship as they pleased.—Reuter.

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Swiss to maintain neutrality

Solothurn, August 21.
The Swiss, neutral in two world wars, will keep on being neutral but will fight to the last if their independence is threatened, the Defence Minister, M. Karl Kobelt, told an audience here.

Making his first public speech since war broke out in Korea, M. Kobelt urged that purely budgetary considerations should not prevent proposed measures to strengthen the Swiss defence forces.

He said the Swiss Army could be mobilised quickly and that equipment had been considerably improved in recent years.

"We hope, however, to fill certain gaps in the near future if the necessary credits are granted," he stated.

In a reference to the people's calmness during recent events, the Minister said: "The Swiss people know that we will never deviate from the path of neutrality and that ideologies will not flourish on the hard soil of Switzerland."—Reuter.

JUAN'S SISTER IN MADRID

Madrid, August 21.
Princess Beatrice de Bourbon, eldest sister of Don Juan, claimant to the Spanish throne, arrived here by air from Lisbon today.

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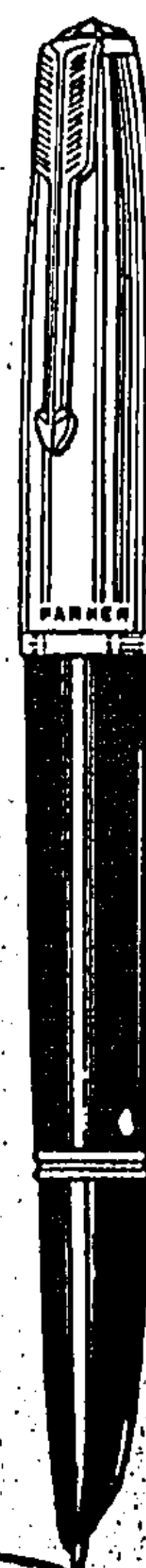
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PVO LEADER SAYS:

BURMESE REBELLION STILL NOT CRUSHED

Rangoon, August 20.

Doubts that the Burmese rebellion can be written off as finished despite Governmental claims to have won a "90 per cent peace" victory were expressed by Bo La Yaung, Vice-President of the rebel White Band PVO. In his opinion it will take one full year more at least for anything approaching tranquillity to be restored. It is now two and a half years since rebellion swept over Burma.

A Communist attempt to overthrow the Thakin Nu Government started it. Soon it spread among the People's Volunteer Organisation (PVO), an influential pro-Government group till then, embroiled a section of the Burma Army and later affected Karen, Mon and Kachin tribesmen. Thirty-eight year-old La Yaung is the Commander-in-Chief of the rebel PVO Army. The PVO last March began to lay down arms and accept pardon under amnesty because the organisation has decided upon, though it has not yet announced, a new programme for obtaining power.

La Yaung told the Associated Press in an interview that complete Burmese peace will have to be won militarily because neither the Karens nor the Communists will negotiate with the Government.

He said the Communists have begun to terrorise PVOs against laying down arms by killing or threatening to kill those favouring surrender.

According to La Yaung, this had slowed down the rate of PVO surrenders, especially in areas where the Communists have numerical superiority.

Guarantee wanted

La Yaung said PVOs in these areas will not give up their arms until the Government guarantees them protection.

The interview took place at a secret PVO headquarters in Rangoon at which PVO leaders are assembling to confer on future policy.

A mutual friend took the Associated Press correspondent to the headquarters situated in a North Eastern suburb of the city.

Here PVO chiefs, till recently planning anti-Government warfare from jungle hide-outs, are living amid all the comforts money can buy.

La Yaung ordered one of his aides to turn down the volume

of a six-valve radio so he could hear himself talk.

He offered English cigarettes costing US\$1 for 50 with a bottle-jewelled band.

His shirt pocket dropped with the weight of two gold-top Parker 51s.

No security in countryside

La Yaung said the Communists still dominate five of the seven districts comprising West Burma. He asserted the Government holds only the main towns; the rest of the area is controlled by the Communists.

He said there was no security and no law and order outside of municipal limits.

Bo La Yaung (Bo means officer) was a Major in the former Patriotic Burmese Forces which fought alongside the Allied armies during the last days of the last days of the Burma campaign.

The PBF later was converted into the PVO to serve the AFPFL as a private army.

La Yaung said Communist fighting strength throughout Burma totalled 12,000 though party membership was about 20,000.

He made it clear this referred to the White Flag Communists, the Stalinist group.

He did not think the Red Flag (Trotskyite) party's army numbered more than 5,000.

Karen army

According to La Yaung, the rebel Karens still have an army 30,000 strong. It is staggered along an area from the Southern rice growing delta Northeastly until it reaches the mountains bordering Siam.

La Yaung was coy about revealing White Band PVO strength. He glossed over the question by saying the organisation had a membership of 500,000, including women.

He said the PVOs revolted late in 1948 against an "undemocratic"

Government then conducting wholesale arrests of people and organisations. It suspected of threatening its existence.

The PVOs rebelled against the policy of imprisonment without trial or inquiry, he stated.

The organisation hitched itself to the Communists believing it would find the "new democracy" it wanted.

It helped to capture the whole of the Irrawaddy valley up to Mandalay, hoping a rule of the people for the people by the people would be established.

Blames Reds

La Yaung described himself as the "conqueror" of Promae, the Irrawaddy city 180 miles North of Rangoon, from which the Communists expelled him last March after a major battle.

He blamed Red "hypocrisy" for the split between the Communists and the PVOs. He said the PVOs became disillusioned with the Communist programme of murder, robbery, arson and rape which replaced earlier promises of betterment of the masses.

He was positive the Red programme in Burma was planned by an outside agency, but could not say definitely whether it was Russia, China or India.

But he thought instructions, as documents seen by him suggested, originated in Moscow and were passed to Communists here through the Communist Party of India.

The PVO chief's "disillusionment" about communism, however, is confined strictly to the movement in this country.

He admitted to an admiration of the Mao Tse-tung regime which he is sure has benefited the people of China.

He said he is studying Mao Tse-tung's methods and hoped to visit Peking as soon as possible to absorb more of the Communist doctrine.

He smiled but only with his lips when asked if he thought the Chinese Reds were likely to invade Burma.

La Yaung was also evasive about the PVO's future policy. Sources close to the PVOs believe they will regroup into a political body whose aim will be assumption of power through the elections whenever these come around.—Associated Press.

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A.M. 7.00—Up With The Sun.

7.30—Musical Clock.

7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.

8.00—News & Weather Forecast.

8.15—Salute Concert Forenoon.

9.00—Morning Music.

9.30—Classics.

10.00—Morning Melody.

P.M. 12.00—From The Shows.

2.00—Variety Canteen The Tune.

4.00—Tex. Break Show.

4.15—Tropics.

4.30—Vocally Yours.

5.00—Music Makers.

5.15—The Vio. Dances Show.

5.30—Children's Corner.

5.45—The Mindy Carson Show.

6.00—Radio Headliners.

6.30—Piano Playhouse.

6.45—Sammy Kaye and his Orch.

7.00—The Music Carpet.

7.15—"Au Chat Noir".

7.45—Listen to Leibert.

8.00—B.B.C. News.

8.15—Local News.

8.30—Concert Miniatures.

8.45—Hit Parade.

9.00—Musical Merry Go Round.

9.15—Festival of Wallace.

9.30—"Pace For All".

10.00—B.B.C. News.

10.15—Local News.

10.30—Symphonette.

10.45—Light Music.

11.00—The Nautical Trio.

11.15—Music and Moonlight.

11.30—Stardust.

12.00—Close Down.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "EURYMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on August 24, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, August 22, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "PERSEUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on August 23 and 24, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, August 22, 1950.

Flood threat to quake areas

Gauhati, Assam, August 20. Rising flood waters of a tributary of the Brahmaputra today threatened the earthquake-menaced district of Pasigpat, 300 miles North East of here.

Some 3,000 people live in the low-lying district. A wireless message from Pasigpat tonight said that the river, which had dried up after last Tuesday's earthquake, today burst into high floods.

Reconnaissance parties to marooned areas have been flown from Gauhati and the Government is directing relief operations.

New Delhi's meteorological centre again reported an earthquake shock of slight intensity, the epicentre of which was 400 miles away at dawn today.—Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 615 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band, H.K.T.

P.M. 12.15—"Morning Prayer" (Studio).

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.35—"Echoes of Harlem."

1.00—News at the Piano.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30—London Studio Melodians—Lynn Levy and His Orch. and Chorus with Rita Williams & Jack Cooper. (BBCS).

2.00—Close Down.

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"Felix King (His Piano) and Orch. Dick James (Vocal)."

6.20—Organ Solo by Guy Wells from the Organ of Westminster Cathedral.

6.30—Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan & S. K. Lee. (Studio).

6.50—Orch. Selections.

7.15—North American Commentary. (London Relay).

7.30—"Stage & Screen Favourites—By All Stars. (BBCS).

8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

8.15—"Box 209"—Hert Gillette at the Hammond Organ.

8.30—"Rays" A. Laing—"A Variety Programme with Ted Ray, Kitty Stuart and Fred Yule. (BBCS).

9.00—"From the Editorial." (London Relay).

9.10—Weather Report.

9.11—Piano Recital by Wong Kuk Yung. (Studio).

9.30—Interlude—Peter Yorke & His Concert Orch. (BBCS).

9.40—"Hong Kong Dances"—Little Gorman & His Rites Ballroom Orch. (Relay).

10.10—"Off Fiddlers"—A Mystery Play by Horton Glyde. (BBCS).

10.40—Light Symphony Orch. (BBCS).

11.00—Radio News Rec. (London Relay).

11.15—"Goodnight Music." God Save the King.

11.30—Close Down.

TRADE PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

Alexandria, August 20.

The Egyptian Cabinet today approved a renewal of the Egyptian-French trade payments agreement for one year ending next May 8.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From CALCUTTA, RANGOON & STRAITS

Consignees per Ship

m.s. "SANGOLA"

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of storage of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after August 22, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on August 26, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before September 11, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of ex ship's side or alternatively ex the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s premises unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

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B.I. S.N. Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, August 22, 1950.

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OUTWARDS	LEAVES LONDON	DUE HONGKONG
s.s. "CANTON"	24th August	28th August
s.s. "CANTHAGE"	24th August	28th September
s.s. "CORFU"	21st September	13rd October

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
s.s. "CANTON"	2nd September	8th October
s.s. "CANTHAGE"	2nd September	8th October
s.s. "CORFU"	27th October	27th November
s.s. "CANTON"	23rd November	24th December
s.s. "CANTHAGE"	9th December	6th January
s.s. "CORFU"	12th December	22nd January
s.s. "CORFU"	19th January	19th February

* Disembarks passengers at Southampton on 18th December.

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London.

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OUTWARDS	DUE HONGKONG	FROM
m.s. "BOCOTRA"	26th August	London & Continent
s.s. "SHILONG"	21st September	—

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s.s. "KRYDER"	1st September	London & Continent
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* s.s. "BIRDHANA" sails 23rd Aug. from Japan, for Calcutta, Rangoon via Straits.

* s.s. "BIRDHANA" sails 16th Sept. from Calcutta, Rangoon via Straits.

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"TASMAN"	4th Sept.	8th Sept.
"VAN HEUTZ"	In Port	10th Sept.
"TUTJALENGKA"	19th Sept.	24th Sept.

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MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"BOISBEVAIN"	In Port	10th Sept.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	18th Sept.	22nd Aug.

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE

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"MEERKERK"	early Oct.	early Oct.
"RYNKERK"	early Oct.	early Nov.

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"MELIBKERK"	7th Sept.	11th Sept.
"MEERKERK"	early Oct.	early Oct.
"RYNKERK"	early Nov.	early Oct.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CHINESE IMPORT PLANS

The Foreign Trade Control Bureau of the East China zone has acquired more than US\$2,000,000 worth of foreign exchange for the importation of necessary raw materials and supplies from abroad, according to a Shanghai report.

This amount of exchange will be allocated among the electrical appliance, brassware, shipbuilding, needle manufacturing, canning, cotton and textile, dyeing, weaving, medicinal, cement enamel ware, ink, celluloid and thermos flask industries. The current allocation, which is the second of its kind made by the Bureau, far exceeds the first allocation which amounted to only US\$610,000.

It was decided on after a conference attended by the representatives of 41 guilds which laid their foreign exchange problems before the authorities. The industries involved must now submit further data on their proposed purchases. — United Press.

HK AGREED MERCHANT RATES

Maximum Selling. Minimum Buying.
Sterling (indirect) 1/22 higher than London rate for the ounce (inverted).

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SMALL INDUSTRIES IN UK RECOVERING

London, August 20. Nine years after the blitz which destroyed many of their factories, small industries in Britain have nearly gained back their pre-war prosperity.

This reporter toured a factory typical of the many small firms which must depend upon steady quality rather than advertising to sell their goods.

It is Welch Margetson, Ltd., haberdashery manufacturer, whose label is well known from Fifth Avenue to Cairo. A director of the company showed a grassy culinar in the worst bombed area of the City of London, in the middle of the "rag trade" (textiles) area, and said, "Until an air raid in December, 1940, this was our headquarters. We moved the offices and warehouse in on the factory, across the Thames in Brompton," he continued, "and three months later half of that was bombed."

Today Welch Margetson, like most small factories, is still cramped. Rebuilding and expansion, however, are well under way in all but a few companies, and directors are profiting from the convenience of having the whole firm under one roof. A streamlined flow of goods will replace the slow horse cart that used to carry Welch Margetson products across the river to the warehouse. A modern factory wing is nearly completed.

Importance of efficiency

Small firms realise now that while the quality of the famous "English made" products remains as high as ever, their factories must be far more efficient.

Welch Margetson's ingenious chief engineer recently installed a boiler which is fed through a steam jet by wood chips. It saves £1,000 per year over coal. "Easter" printing processes like silk screening are replacing laborious hand-blocking in picture handkerchiefs, and canary yellow horseheads nestle against classic paisley in necktie orders bound for the United States.

Like nearly all British "quality" manufacturers, however, Welch Margetson finds that the kernel of its business is the same as ever—the rich and flawless products it has turned out since 1822. The silk, dyed and printed with sumptuous reds, greens, blues and golds, are marshalled into pattern by hand blocks "used for donkeys' years," as a company artisan put it.

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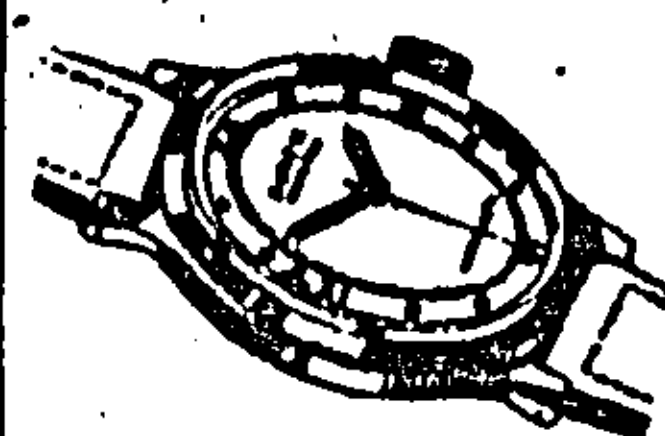
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THE PERFECT
SWISS WATCH

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1950.



SCAA CLINCH MEN'S "B" DIVISION TENNIS TITLE

Certificates for Harbour swimmers

Swimmers who join the Annual Cross-Harbour race will be interested to know that they will be awarded certificates should they complete the course irrespective of their placing and the time they take to negotiate the distance.

The decision to award certificates to all swimmers who successfully complete the Harbour swim during the race was made at a meeting of representatives of the Colony Swimming Club held at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

The Cross-Harbour Race will be held on Sunday, October 1, starting at 10 a.m.

The meeting also passed a new ruling concerning persons who wish to enter for the Colony Swimming Championships for which entries close at 5.30 p.m. on September 7.

The new ruling which will be enforced is: All civilians who wish to enter one or more of the events in the Colony Open Swimming Championships must have been resident in the Colony for a period of six months during the 12 months prior to the day on which the first heats are held.

Members of the Services are exempted from this new ruling. The meeting also appointed the officials who will officiate during the Championships and their names will be announced at a later date.

VRC LADIES' SWIMMING GALA

The Victoria Recreation Club will be holding a Ladies' Swimming Gala tomorrow beginning at 6 p.m.

The following are the events: 25 yards free style (beginners), 100 yards free style (Invitation), 50 yards free style (Invitation), 50 yards breast stroke (beginners), 25 yards backstroke (Invitation), 25 yards free style (final), 50 yards breast stroke, 100 yards breast stroke (Invitation) and 150 yards medley relay.

PRC TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Police Recreation Club lawn bowls team in their First Division postponed match against the Hong Kong Football Club on Thursday, at home, starting at 5.30 p.m.: S. H. Marvin, C. Pope, H. Brown and W. Cameron (skip); F. E. Channing, F. W. Hollands, C. Pile and W. McHardy (skip); T. Kavanagh, W. R. Hillyer, G. Perkins and C. Downman (skip).

FANLING GOLF

Winner of the Bogey Pool played at Fanling last week-end was C. H. T. Suen (12) who returned a card of 2 Up on Bogey. The competition for next week-end at Fanling will be Stapleford. The Parents and Children Foursomes Competition will be played at Deep Water Bay on August 31 at 4.30 p.m.

Entries may be made on that at Deep Water Bay. Entries will close on August 29.

FUCHS SETS A NEW RECORD

Stockholm, August 20. Jim Fuchs, of the United States, today set a new figure for the world record shot put when at Vidy he attained a distance of 17.91 metres (about 59 feet). Only three days ago Fuchs, in Stockholm, reached 17.70 metres to exceed the present world record figure of 17.68 metres (about 58 feet), which had stood to the credit of another American, S. Fonville, since 1948.—Reuter.

MATADORS IN THE WARS

Lourenco Marques, August 20. Bulls injured four matadors in the last bullfight of the season here today. Four thousand horror-stricken fans saw the Spanish matador, Navero, gored by a bull after slipping on his cape. He was only slightly injured. Two matadors were carried out unconscious and a fourth was wounded.—Reuter.

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The South China Athletic Association Men's "B" Division tennis team clinched their Division Championship title yesterday when they visited the Craigengower Cricket Club and won 8½ sets to ½.

The Craigengower team was outclassed in all departments by the victorious Chinese team and they were lucky to gain half a set.

Benzin Saw, the Schoolboy tennis sensation, played his last competitive match in the Colony yesterday when he led the South China AA team to victory. He will be leaving for Taipei together with his father and sister today to pursue his studies.

The following are the results of matches played yesterday:

Men's Doubles
CCG—SCAA 8½
S. Leonard and H. M. Liu (CCG) lost to P. Poon and B. Saw 1-6; lost to L. Sia and T. Kwok 2-6; lost to E. Chan and R. Liang 4-6.
R. Tay and R. O. Baker (CCG) lost to Poon and Saw 4-6; lost to Sia and Kwok 5-7; drew with Chan and Liang 6-6.
H. Noronha and L. F. Souza lost to Poon and Saw 1-6; lost to Sia and Kwok 2-6; lost to Chan and Liang 1-6.

Men's Doubles
SCAA 3—CRC "1" 6
G. Lin Jr. and Dr. Tyau (SCAA) beat T. H. Chiu and H. K. Chan 6-3; beat W. K. Cheung and T. S. Tseng 6-4; lost to Y. H. Leung and K. S. Chung 4-6.
C. Lam and T. Wong (SCAA) lost to Chiu and Chan 5-7; lost to Cheung and Tseng 1-6; beat Leung and Chung 6-3.
H. Yuen and F. Lin (SCAA) lost to Chiu and Chan 1-6; lost to Cheung and Tseng 0-6; lost to Leung and Chung 2-6.

Marshall wins first race in Japan

Tokyo, August 21.

Cheered on by hundreds of Australian servicemen, John Marshall finally scored his first victory since coming to Japan when he won the 200 metres freestyle race in Kure yesterday.

The presence of a "large" number of his countrymen seemed to inspire Marshall who gave his best showing in his Japan tour, not only winning the 200 metres event but also giving the Japanese ace Furuhashi a scare in the 500 metres free style.

Furuhashi had to break the world record in order to beat Marshall by half a body length. Marshall as usual led in the early laps all the way to the 475 metre mark. From there on the swimmers had all the spectators on their feet with the Australians yelling themselves hoarse for Marshall. Furuhashi's famous last surge did not win him the victory in the time of five minutes and 55.8 seconds.

But Marshall came right back three events later to beat the American, Jim McLane in the 200 metres. It was Marshall all the way until the last 50 metres when another thrilling finish had the crowd shouting madly. Marshall's victory was won by the difference of a touch. His time two minutes and 11.8 seconds.

The races at Kure, where the British Commonwealth Occupation forces headquarters are located, were part of the exhibition match between Australian, American and Japanese stars.—Reuter.

ROWING BOAT RACE

The rowing boat race starting from the Praya near Whitty Street and ending at the Chung Hing Pavilion, organized by the Chinese Pressmen's Athletic Association was held yesterday afternoon.

The race attracted many entries and was won by Ng Sun-kwong of the "Sing Yee Yee" in 16 minutes and 7 seconds. Wong Sik-ming of Wah Kiu Yai Pao was second while Kwok Lai-wah of the Chinese News Agency took the minor position.

KCC CRICKET MEETING

The Kowloon Cricket Club cricketers will hold a meeting tomorrow at 6.15 p.m. at the KCC to elect Officers and discuss the coming cricket season. Members interested are invited to attend.

In a postponed Men's Doubles "C" Division match played at King's Park Club de Recreio lost to the Chinese Recreation Club "2" team four sets to five.

Friendly match

In a friendly tennis match played at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, the team from Headquarters, Land Forces, lost to the Hong Kong Cricket Club "B" Division team by nine sets to nil.

The following are the results: T. J. Gould and I. Agutroff (HKCC) beat Colonel E. King and Major P. J. Skipworth 6-2; beat Major H. H. Greig and Major K. Wilson 6-1; beat Major J. W. B. Lambie and Captain A. Woods 6-2.
G. Pritchard and K. C. Ball (HKCC) beat Colonel King and Major Skipworth 6-3; beat Major Greig and Major Wilson 6-2; beat Major Lambie and Captain Woods 6-3.
J. A. Benelli and E. Zuhuf (HKCC) beat Colonel King and Major Skipworth 6-0; beat Major Lambie and Captain Woods 6-4.

Men's Doubles

Recreio 4—CRC "2" 6
P. P. Botelho and S. A. Collaco (Recreio) lost to S. L. Ma and C. K. Ng 3-6; lost to Y. W. Chung and C. Y. Wong 4-6; lost to Y. W. Lee and N. Ma 2-6.
F. Nodet and J. A. Soares (Recreio) beat Ma and Ng 7-5; beat Chung and Wong 6-3; lost to Lee and Ma 4-6.
A. J. Remedios and J. A. Marques (Recreio) lost to Ma and Ng 3-6; beat Chung and Wong 6-4; beat Lee and Ma 6-4.

KCC TENNIS

The following games will be played in the Kowloon Cricket Club tennis tournament today beginning at 5.45 p.m. at the KCC courts:

Mixed Doubles: Miss H. Bonstead and R. O. Baker v. Mrs. M. Chow and E. Tsai.
Mrs. J. T. Horsman and G. Gillard v. Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. R. Stack.
Men's Singles: A. Caley v. F. R. Zimmer; G. Rosset v. K. Kwok; F. Brockhouse v. C. Oung.

HKU AQUATIC SPORTS

The Hong Kong University will be holding its annual aquatic sports on October 7 at the Victoria Recreation Club.

188 Battery Headquarters win Artillery aquatics

The aquatic stars of 188 Battery Headquarters carried off the Inter-Troop Challenge Shield with 31 points in the 58 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, Annual Regimental Swimming Sports held at the Victoria Swimming Pool yesterday.

"D" Troop were runners-up in the Inter-Troop competition losing to the Champions by only one point, while "B" Troop were third with 15 points.

The meet was held in brilliant sunshine and each event was contested with great keenness. Soft drinks were supplied free by A. S. Watson and Company, Limited.

Major R. W. Clark was Referee of the Meet, while the judges were Major D. St. L. Moore, Captain W. D. Mitchell, Second Lieutenant P. J. Sheppard and Staff-Sergeant Swindell. The official starter was assisted by RSM Steel.

Timekeepers were Captain P. J. Woodward and Second Lieutenant R. C. Wigglesworth and Lieutenant R. A. Bell was the announcer. Second Lieutenant D. E. Oldershaw was the chief recorder assisted by Sergeant Thomas.

At the conclusion of the swimming meet, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. H. R. Prior, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Prior, Commanding Officer of the 58 Medium Regiment, RA. The Inter-Troop Challenge was received by Sergeant Watson on behalf of 188 Battery Headquarters.

Exciting race

Most exciting race of the day was the Inter-Troop 4 x 66 yards relay, which was won by "D" Troop, with 118 Battery Headquarters second and 175 Battery Headquarters third.



The Wing Sun Table Tennis team, Colony's reigning Champions, who are leaving for Singapore by plane tomorrow to play a series of friendly games with Malayan teams. Back row (left to right): Lee Ping, Cheng Kwok-wing, Lo Kum-sun, Yu Kwong-ming, Chung Chin-shing, Wong Sik-tim and Keung Wing-ning. Sitting (left to right): Lal Duen-po, Wong Yiu-ming (Captain), Wong Yiu-kwan (Advisor), Lau Tai-foo, Morrison Henry Lal.

England hit by injuries to athletes

London, August 20. Nick Stacey, the English international sprinter, will be unable to go to Brussels for the European Athletics Championship ship because of a recurrence of a muscle injury.

He said today that he did not feel 100 per cent fit after a tryout at the White City Stadium on Saturday. He is the second blow suffered by the England team for another sprinter, Wilkinson, dropped out of the team with a pulled muscle.

Mr. Jack Crump, the British team manager, is now in Brussels and will make representations to the authorities for Alan Grieve to substitute for Wilkinson in the 100-metres and for Brian Shenton to run in the 200-metres. It had been proposed that Stacey should take Wilkinson's place in the 200-metres and unless substitutions are allowed, England may not have a relay team.—Reuter.

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TABLE TENNIS TEAM TO VISIT SINGAPORE

The honour of being the first Hong Kong Table Tennis team to visit a place other than China deservedly goes to the Wing Sun Table Tennis Team, holders of the Colony's 1950 League Championship. They leave by plane for Singapore tomorrow.

The Wing Sun team is the successor to the well-known Yaumati Government School Alumni team which has been one of the outstanding table tennis teams in Hong Kong for the past few years.

On its formation in 1949, the Wing Sun team won the "Chung Kin Challenge Cup" and also won the "Ho Tim Cup" this year when it won the Open League Championship.

Some time ago the Wing Sun team visited Macao for a series of games with the best teams in the Portuguese Colony and won them all.

So far the team has maintained an unbeaten record and through the generosity and help of enthusiasts of the game the team is now able to visit Singapore to play the best teams in Malaya.

All table tennis enthusiasts hope that the visit will not only afford the opportunity to raise the present high standard of the game in the Colony to an even higher level but also serve to improve the friendly relations now existing between the two Colonies.

The team consists of Chung Chin-shing (captain), Lee Ping, Wong Sik-tim, Lo Kum-sun and Kan Wing-ling. Yu Kwong-ming, who is also a member of the Wing Sun team is not going on the tour due to pressure of business, while Cheng Kwok-wing, the team's vice-captain will also be unable to make the trip because of passport trouble.

The team is in the charge of Mr. Lau Tai-foo, Chairman of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association, and Mr. Wong Yiu-ming, brother of Mr. Wong Yiu-kwan, advisor to the Wing Sun team, through whose efforts the tour to Singapore has been made possible though he himself is unable to go.

Manager of the touring team is Mr. Lai Ying-ho and the honorary secretary is Mr. Lal Duen-po.

The players

Pen sketches of the players: Chung Chin-shing (Captain of the touring team). He first came into prominence in the Colony's table tennis circles in 1949, when at the age of 12 he won the Junior Championship of Hong Kong. Four years ago he again entered the limelight when he won the Colony's Senior table tennis title and has held it ever since. He is one of the best players the Colony has ever produced and represented Hong Kong in the last All-China National Championships and placed fourth in the final standings.

Lee Ping: During his school days, he was never defeated and has represented Hong Kong in many inter-college games. Together with Chung Chin-shing he has won the doubles title of Hong Kong besides winning the Singles title during the 1949 Provincial Athletic Meet of Kwangtung. He was also a member of the local Confucius Club team which had unqualified success during their tour of Shanghai a year or so ago.

Wong Sik-tim: A fast and exceptionally hard-hitting player of inter-college renown who was included in the Macao team which visited Singapore last year. Unfortunately he was taken ill on arrival there and returned to Hong Kong without participating in any of the games.

Lo Kum-sun: Former member of the Ol-Lun Table Tennis team which won the Colony's Championship in 1948. He was included in the Macao team which visited Singapore last year and was the only player to win all his matches. This is his second visit to Malaya and his experience will prove invaluable to the other members of the team.

Keung Wing-ning: Youngest player in the team—he is only 21—and a comparative newcomer to the game; he has improved so much that he reached the final of the Singapore tournament in Hong Kong recently. He is a very good

Lawn Bowls League relegation and promotion abolished

The General Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association decided that the question of relegation and promotion in all three divisions of the Lawn Bowls League be abolished. This was decided at a meeting held at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post yesterday.

Mr. J. Meyer presided at the meeting and was supported by Mr. V. Labrum, N. J. Bebbington and L. A. Gutierrez.

Messrs. Bebbington and J. V. Samsey were elected to take charge in the making of a records board and the Kowloon Docks will be given the job.

Mr. Meyer said that it will cost about \$1,400. Mr. Samsey said that it would cost a bit less. The meeting also decided that the Aitkenhead and Gutteridge Shields be replaced and that it will cost about \$700 for the two shields.

That the Association, with the funds in hand, do something for all Clubs in the Colony participating in bowls was suggested by Mr. Bebbington. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that instead of giving prizes to Clubs, something more elaborate should be made at the end of the season, that is, the match between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield. This match will now be held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

A lengthy discussion was held with reference to relegation and promotion. After a prolonged discussion it was decided that the promotion and relegation be abolished.

Timely matter
Mr. G. C. Norman gave his views with reference to relegation. He said: "I am glad that this matter has been brought up at this time, when with seven games still to play out of 19, many changes can probably still occur in league standings—thus a 'conveyor' will not be faced with the problem of trying to argue his club out of relegation but rather to present his views to the meeting."

The question of promotion and relegation is, as we all know, a very delicate subject, especially to establish a team who may likely have played first division bowls for 30 years and suddenly find that they are called upon to play in the second division.

"Some of you may believe that if a club can put a number of teams into the First Division—then good luck to them and on the other side of the picture you may also agree that if a club can

not always keep away from the foot of the table, that if they can not avoid one lapse in a number of years of bowling—then they are liable for relegation which is rather unfortunate."

Both were aggressive and Weekes completed his 50 in 100 minutes before being caught in the gully when playing forward to the Cook.

The third wicket had put on 142 in two hours but the West Indies soon lost Trestrail, who completely mislaid a ball and Wilson took an easy skied catch behind the wicket. Walcott reached his 100 in two hours and 50 minutes. He scored at a great speed, pulling and leg-hitting to enable himself to power. Joined by Christy, he was not out at lunch with 122.

During the morning's play, Martin Young, Gloucestershire's opening bat, collapsed in the field and had to be assisted off by ambulance men. In making a desperate attempt to hold a chance at cover off Walcott, he twisted round sharply and fell awkwardly.—Reuter.

Jewish Olympics in September

Tel Aviv, August 21. Organisers of the Third Maccabean—the all-Jewish Olympics—are rushing preparations for the opening in nearby Ramat Gan on Wednesday, September 27.

Builders of the new 32,000,000 sports stadium in Ramat Gan, say that seats for 16,000 spectators and a standing room for 35,000 will be ready by opening day. Construction plans call for a seating of 30,000 and standing room for 50,000 upon completion of the entire project.

Competitors in the games from at least 25 countries are expected to number around 2,000. The all-Jewish Olympics Committee also looks for 5,000 foreign spectators to come to Tel Aviv. The organizing committee has just announced that 15 events will be completed for in the games, which are to continue until October 5.

The divisions, and countries to be represented, include: Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Canada, India, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland, Uruguay, the United States and Israel.

Swimming—Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, India, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland, Uruguay, the United States and Israel.

Water Polo—Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, India, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland, Uruguay, the United States and Israel.

Gymnastics—on Apparatus—Austria, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Israel.

Most of the Olympic events will be staged in Tel Aviv Stadium after opening day ceremonies in Ramat Gan. Some games, however, are to be held in Haifa, Tishon-to-Zion, Peta, Haifa and Jerusalem.—Associated Press.